

Workshop 12: Present simple vs Present Continuous

Insert **present simple** or **continuous** in the correct form

1. Who for? (You, to wait)
2. to me? (You, to talk)
3. We in London any more (Negative, to live)
4. How often your computer? (You, to use)
5. I a book about Chinese cooking. (To look for)
6. He always until the last minute to do something. (To wait)
7. These cakes very well. (Negative, to sell)
8. I'm sorry now. If you come back tomorrow we open at 9 o' clock. (We, to close)
9. What about? (You, to think)
10. - Don't offer them champagne. They (Negative, to drink)

ANSWERS BELOW

1. Who **are you waiting** for?
[Note action is taking place right now, not on a regular basis]
2. **Are you talking** to me?
[As above]
3. We **don't live / aren't living** in London any more
[Both tenses can be used, subtle difference in meaning]
4. How often **do you use** your computer?
5. **I'm looking for** a book about Chinese cooking.
6. He always **waits** until the last minute to do something.
[Note time expression which does not usually work with Present Continuous]
7. These cakes **aren't selling** very well.

8. I'm sorry we're closing now. If you come back tomorrow we open at 9 o' clock.
9. What are you thinking about?
10. - Don't offer them champagne. They don't drink