I do or I am doing?

1 Be creative! Write four sentences about your life at the moment using the Present Simple.
1 ______________________________________________________________________
2 ______________________________________________________________________
3 ______________________________________________________________________
4 ______________________________________________________________________

Now write four sentences about your life at the moment using the present continuous.
5 ______________________________________________________________________
6 ______________________________________________________________________
7 ______________________________________________________________________
8 ______________________________________________________________________

What is the difference between when we use the Present Simple and when we use the Present Continuous?

2 Work with your partner to write a joint email to your friends at home telling them how you are spending your time at the moment. Use the sentences above. Write at least ten sentences.
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TEACHER’S NOTES:

Aim: to provide freer practice of the Present Simple and Present Continuous. This worksheet is designed to be used in conjunction with unit 1.2.

Time: 40 minutes

Materials: photocopies of the worksheet for each student

1 Ask students to note down what is going on in their life at the moment. Students then write four sentences using the Present Simple and four using the Present Continuous. Monitor carefully to check they have used the tenses correctly. To check understanding of how to use the tenses ask students to differentiate between the two tenses. Elicit answers from students.

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2 Students work together to consolidate their activities. They can write more than ten sentences as long as there is an equal balance between both tenses. Monitor to check that they are on the right lines. At the end ask students to exchange their email with another pair, so they can correct each others. Monitor and give assistance where necessary. Get feedback from the students at the end.