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SOLUTION

a)

1. Sally plays softball every weekend.
2. When do you usually do your homework?
3. Mrs. Johnson writes Christmas cards every year.
4. I don't / do not from a small village.
5. The flight to Hawaii often takes 10 hours.
6. He is normally here on time.
7. The family cannot / can't find their dog.
8. The father always helps the child tie his shoe.

b)

1. Ask them if they like to read the Gazette. → Do you (pl) like to read the Gazette?
2. Ask Zoe why she doesn't eat her vegetables. → Zoe, why don't you eat your vegetables?
3. Ask your neighbour to borrow a cup of sugar. → Can I borrow a cup of sugar?
4. Ask Jack if he likes pizza. → Jack, do you like pizza?
5. Ask Rebecca where your book is. → Rebecca, where is my book? / Do you know where my book is?

TENSE & ASPECT:

Present Tense



a) Complete the sentences with either *present simple* or *present continuous*!

1. If it is important when something happens (for example, when it happens at or around the moment of speaking) or how long it takes, we use the _____.
2. If it is not important when something happens or how long it takes, or if it happens regularly, we use the _____.

b) In the following sentences, all the grammar has been left out. Complete them to form correct sentences, using either the *present simple* or the *present continuous*.

1. At the moment I not go to school because I be ill.
2. She always go to school by bike.
3. The lessons be very interesting.
4. Normally she be very sensible (*vernünftig*), but she be a bit silly (*albern*) today.
5. It rain a lot in Ireland.
6. Right now, it not snow very much.
7. Do not disturb (*stören*) me now, I work!
8. This week we have no homework because our teacher be ill.

c) Take a closer look at the last sentence in part b) of this exercise. How is it different to the others?

d) Now look at the following lists of verbs. Which ones can you not use in the present continuous because they are not actions but states?

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|------|------|
| like | find |
| hate | see |
| love | feel |
| make | |
| do | |
| sing | |

SOLUTION

a)

1. If it is important when something happens (for example, when it happens at or around the moment of speaking) or how long it takes, we use the *present continuous*.
2. If it is not important when something happens or how long it takes, or if it happens regularly, we use the *present simple*.

b)

1. At the moment, I am not going to school because I am ill.
2. She always goes to school by bike.
3. The lessons are very interesting.
4. Normally she is very sensible, but she is being a bit silly today.
5. It rains a lot in Ireland.
6. Right now, it is not snowing very much.
7. Do not disturb me now, I am working!
8. This week we have no homework because our teacher is ill.

c)

Even though it refers to an action happening around the time of speaking (to be ill), it does not require the present continuous because "to be ill" is a state, not an action.

d) like, hate, love



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