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5 Read the text in which somebody compares and contrasts two photographs. Complete the gaps with the verbs in brackets in the Present Simple or Present Continuous.

Both pictures show people at the seaside. In the first picture I can see four people on the beach. A middle-aged man ¹ (hold) a little girl, who ² (not want) to go in the water. I guess she ³ (hate) water and that's why she ⁴ (cry). Two other boys ⁵ (build) a sandcastle on the beach. There are only two people in the other picture and they are both in the sea. I can see a teenage boy who ⁶ (wear) red trunks and a swimming cap. The boy ⁷ (play) with a dog and they both ⁸ (seem) very happy. In the distance I can see one more person, probably a man. He ⁹ (swim). I ¹⁰ (think) all the people in the two pictures are on holiday and they ¹¹ (have) a good time.

EXAM PRACTICE

1 Read the situations and circle the correct verb form in each sentence.

1 You're talking about young people in your country. More and more young people are going / go abroad to find work these days.

2 You don't know why your friend is very quiet.

3 You're talking to your English friend about the weather in your local area.

4 You're explaining to your friend why you can't go to the cinema with her.

5 You're talking about your favourite ways of spending free time.

6 I'm enjoying / enjoy discos and parties.

2 Use the words in brackets and complete the sentences with the verbs in the Present Simple or Present Continuous.

a Tom says he can speak German, English and Spanish but ¹ (I don't believe) him. He ² (never/talk) to Carmela when ³ (she/come) to visit us during the summer.

b (I/not think) our help. Let's leave them alone - ⁵ (they/need) (they/ do) fine.

c Listen to that! They ⁷ (argue) again! ⁸ (It/seem) like (they/have) a big argument every other day.

d Barbara ¹⁰ (live) in this area until she can find a flat somewhere else. ¹¹ (she/not like) it here - it's noisy, dirty and ¹² (she/not feel) safe.

3 Complete the dialogues forming questions with the verbs in capitals.

1 A: What are you eating?
B: A ham sandwich.

2 A: Who for?
B: My girlfriend. And she's late again!

3 A: _____ tennis?
B: Yes, but not very well.

4 A: How many hours WORK?
B: Usually not more than seven.

5 A: What THINK?
B: If you ask me, it's a very good idea.

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