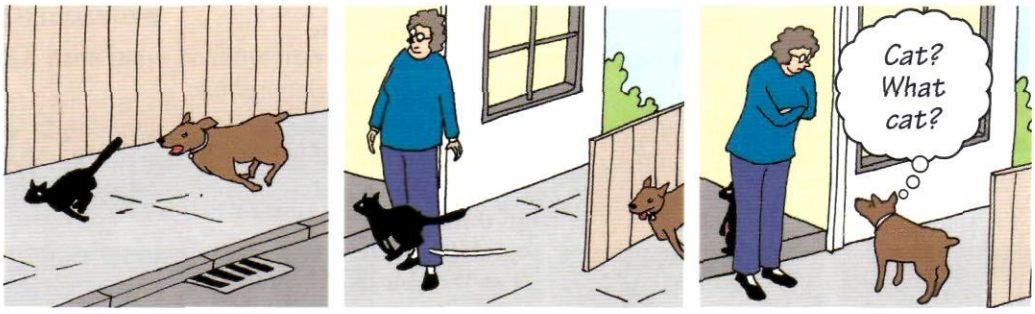
4 Careers

- present simple, present continuous
- present perfect, present perfect continuous

4.3 Grammar Present tenses



The bluffing game

1 **Complete the sentences below with information about yourself that other students don't know. Use the present simple, present continuous, present perfect simple and present perfect continuous. Four of your sentences should be true, the other four should be untrue.**

1 I often ...
2 I don't usually ...
3 At the moment, I'm ...
4 Right now, I'm not ...
5 I've never ...
6 I've already ...
7 Recently, I've been ...
8 For some time now, I haven't been ...

2 **In groups, take turns reading your sentences out and answering other students' questions. The group has to decide whether you are telling the truth or bluffing. Who is the best bluffer?**

Present perfect and past simple

3 **You and your partner work for an international recruitment agency. Your clients are looking for:**

1 a Spanish-speaking science graduate
2 an undergraduate with marketing experience
3 a graduate accountant, to be a future finance director
4 a French-speaking graduate in business
5 an arts undergraduate with experience in the Far East
6 a Portuguese-speaking graduate with experience in sales.

You have each interviewed and tested five candidates. Exchange information with your partner and decide together which candidates are most suitable for each request.

Student A: use the information below.
Student B: turn to page 117.

Candidate	Graduation	Work experience	Management potential test
Mr Salmon	next summer, Chemistry	pullover sales in Mexico	
Ms Bianco			A+
Mrs Grey	next June, Marketing	nurse in New York	
Miss Rose			A
Mr Da Silva	last December, MBA	own business in Brazil	
Mr Green			B+
Mr Schwartz	last October, Accountancy	banks in Geneva, Monaco, Portugal	
Miss Plum			B
Ms Violeta	next spring, History	holiday club in Thailand	
Mr Braun			C-

Refresh your memory

Present simple
I *work* best late at night.
permanent or recurrent present actions or situations

Present continuous
I'*m not working* on anything special at the moment.
temporary present actions or situations

Present perfect simple
I'*ve* never *worked* in sales, but I *have worked* in a café.
life experience up to now, or present result of a past action

Present perfect continuous
I'*ve been working* too hard – I'm exhausted!
action in progress up to now

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