

## PRESENT SIMPLE OR PRESENT CONTINUOUS?

### A Trekking Journal

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Today (be)  the second day of my trek around Mount Annapurna. I am exhausted and my legs (shake)  ;I just hope I am able to complete the trek. My feet (kill, really)  me and my toes (bleed)  but I (want, still)  to continue.

Nepal is a fascinating country, but I have a great deal to learn. Everything (be)  so different, and I (try)  to adapt to the new way of life here. I (learn)  a little bit of the language to make communication easier; unfortunately, I (learn, not)  foreign languages quickly. Although I (understand, not)  much yet, I believe that I (improve, gradually)  I (travel, currently)  with Liam, a student from Leeds University in England. He (be)  a nice guy, but impatient. He (walk, always)  ahead of me and (complain)  that I am too slow. I (do)  my best to keep up with him, but he is younger and stronger than I am. Maybe, I am just feeling sorry for myself because I am getting old.

Right now, Liam (sit)  with the owner of the inn. They (discuss)  the differences between life in England and life in Nepal. I (know, not)  the real name of the owner, but everybody (call, just)  him Tam. Tam (speak)  English very well and he (try)  to teach Liam some words in Nepali. Every time Tam (say)  a new word, Liam (try)  to repeat it. Unfortunately, Liam (seem, also)  to have difficulty learning foreign languages. I just hope we don't get lost and have to ask for directions.

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