#### THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE X THE SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE

#### Compare these two situations.

I'm helping out at my dad's garage now.



- In the first situation, Greg is talking about what he is doing now, so he uses the present continuous tense.
- In the second situation, Greg is talking about what he does every day, so he uses the simple present tense.



### **REMEMBER THIS:**

- The present continuous tense is used to express actions in progress.
- The simple present tense is used to express habitual actions.

# The Grammar You Need



II. Describe what some people are doing. Choose the option with the correct form of each verb in parentheses to complete the sentences.

1. Polly (to wash) her motorcycle now. She (to ride) it to work every day.

a. washes - is riding

b. is washing - rides



- 2. Mr. Richards (to know) how to fix a lot of things. Here he (to fix) our car.
  - a. knows is fixing
  - b. know fixes



- 3. Mrs. Marks (to take) her son to school. She (to work) at his school too.
  - a. takes is working
  - b. is taking works



The exercises are to be done and corrected in class.

#### INDEFINITE PRONOUNS — SOMETHING AND ANYTHING

#### Look at these sentences.



#### **REMEMBER THIS:**

SOMETHING AFFIRMATIVE

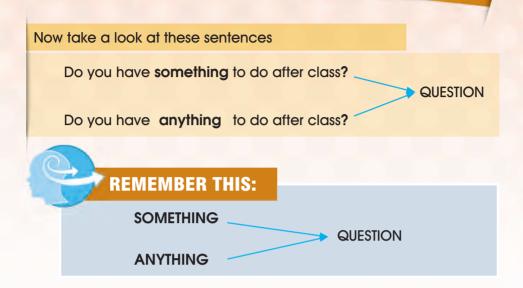
ANYTHING -------- NEGATIVE

Here are some more examples.

My friend Stella always has **something** interesting to talk about.

"I have **something** special here for your birthday, dear." "A new football! Thanks. Mom!"

Bertha loves pie, but she can't eat anything fattening.



Here are some more examples.

"Is there something/anything fun to do here in the summer?"

"Yeah! My friends and I love to have pool parties and backyard barbecues in the summer."

"I don't want anything fattening. Is there **something/anything** low-fat in the kitchen?"

"Yes, there is. How about a banana, an apple, or an orange?"

Here's another example.



Notice that the mother can also say, "Do you know anything about it?"

# The Grammar You Need



## I. Complete using something, anything, or both.

1. Where's the dog's ball?  He wants to play with.
2. I don't like at this restaurant.  Let's go to the Italian restaurant on the corner.
3. "Is there I can do to help with dinner?"  "Yes. You can make the salad."
4. Carlos doesn't want to go to a volleyball game because he doesn't knowabout volleyball.
5. "Is there sweet to eat in the kitchen?"

"Yes, there is. You can have a delicious banana."