

Present Simple VS Present Continuous



Exercise 1 . Complete with the verb in brackets in P. Simple or Continuous

1. He usually \_\_\_\_\_ to work by bus. **(go)**
2. Tess \_\_\_\_\_ on the phone now. **(talk)**
3. Mr. Andrews \_\_\_\_\_ fast food. **(not / like)**
4. Be quiet! The baby \_\_\_\_\_ in his bedroom. **(sleep)**
5. Mary's daughter \_\_\_\_\_ in Boston at the moment. **(study)**
6. My father \_\_\_\_\_ a documentary on TV. **(watch)**
7. They never \_\_\_\_\_ attention to my words. **(pay)**
8. Water \_\_\_\_\_ at 0°C. **(freeze)**
9. Harry sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ tennis at the club. **(play)**
10. Betty \_\_\_\_\_ the flute now. She's rehearsing! **(play)**
11. My students rarely \_\_\_\_\_ a word in English! **(say)**
12. It rarely \_\_\_\_\_ in summer. **(rain)**
13. I never \_\_\_\_\_ before 7.30. **(wake up)**
14. Susan usually \_\_\_\_\_ her homework in her bedroom.  
**(do)**
15. The Earth \_\_\_\_\_ around the Sun. **(go)**
16. They \_\_\_\_\_ difficulties at the moment. **(have)**
17. We rarely \_\_\_\_\_ garbage on the ground in Medellín.  
**(see)**
18. The phone always \_\_\_\_\_ when I \_\_\_\_\_ a shower. **(ring / take)**
19. John \_\_\_\_\_ an e-mail at the moment. **(write)**
20. David \_\_\_\_\_ his hair every month. **(cut)**

1 – Complete the sentences with the PRESENT CONTINUOUS of the verbs in the box.

go   tidy   play   wash   cook   listen   have (2x)

- a) We \_\_\_\_\_ a party.                      e) Lisa \_\_\_\_\_ to music.  
b) Peter and Fred \_\_\_\_\_ shopping.                      f) David \_\_\_\_\_ the guitar.  
c) I \_\_\_\_\_ chicken for our friends.                      g) John \_\_\_\_\_ (neg.) a shower.  
d) Simon and Daniel \_\_\_\_\_ the living room.                      h) \_\_\_\_\_ Mike and Diogo \_\_\_\_\_ Dad's car?

2 – Look at these sentences. Choose the correct form of the verb: SIMPLE PRESENT or PRESENT CONTINUOUS.

- a) I get up / am getting up very early every morning.  
b) My mother makes / is making breakfast for me every day.  
c) My mother sometimes sleeps / is sleeping late.  
d) My sister has / is having a shower before breakfast.  
e) Today we eat / are eating pancakes for breakfast! I love pancakes.  
f) My brother doesn't go / isn't going to school today.  
g) He goes / is going to the doctor's tomorrow.  
h) My father goes / is going to work by bus today.



3 – Look at the sentences. Are the underlined parts right or wrong? Correct the wrong ones.

e.g. John **usually** is cleaning this teeth after dinner.                      => wrong  
John **usually** cleans his teeth after dinner.

**Explanation:** *Usually* is a frequency adverb. It requires the use of the present simple.

- a) The students are always knocking at the door before entering the classroom.  
b) Can you hear that? Is it someone singing?  
c) I am washing my car on Sundays, after lunch.  
d) She writes an e-mail to her boyfriend every day.  
e) Maths is a very difficult subject. I am not understanding it.  
f) What time is the class starting?  
g) How old are you being?



GOOD WORK!!!!

## Reading Comprehension

### A. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the Present Simple or Progressive as appropriate.



Dear Sara:

I \_\_\_\_\_(write) to you from our hotel. I am on vacation with my family and we \_\_\_\_\_(have) a great time.

The weather is great and the sun \_\_\_\_\_(shine).

I \_\_\_\_\_(look) outside my window and people

\_\_\_\_\_ (go) towards the beach. There are some people who

\_\_\_\_\_ (swim) and others \_\_\_\_\_ (sail). I \_\_\_\_\_

(look) at some children. They \_\_\_\_\_ (play) near the edge of

the beach and others \_\_\_\_\_ (build) sandcastles.

Just to left of our hotel \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a big restaurant. There, some people

\_\_\_\_\_ (sit) and \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) some kind of drink that looks delicious.

The waiter \_\_\_\_\_ (go) towards them and I am sure that they \_\_\_\_\_ (be)

ready to order. They look very hungry. At the moment my brother \_\_\_\_\_ (watch)

television and my mother \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) him to get ready because

we \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to do some sightseeing. My father \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for us

downstairs, so I will write to you again later in the week.

Have to go now.

Love Paula.

### B. Answer these questions about the reading.

1. Where is Paula?
2. How is the weather?
3. What is Paula doing at the moment?
4. What are the people doing?
5. What are the children doing?
6. Where is the restaurant located?
7. Do the people at the restaurant look hungry?
8. What is Paula's brother doing?
9. What is Paula's father doing?
10. Who is Paula writing?

### Present Simple or Present Continuous?

A. Complete the following sentences using the simple present or the present continuous of the verbs in brackets.

1. Usually, Nathalie and Chantal \_\_\_\_\_ (to play) in the park but today they \_\_\_\_\_ (to study) at school. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (to give) them an exam.
2. Kathy always \_\_\_\_\_ (smile) in class and at the moment some of the other pupils \_\_\_\_\_ (smile) as well.
3. Right now the pupils \_\_\_\_\_ (read) a book and the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (to write) on the board.
4. Almost every day class \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) at 8:00, but on Tuesdays the class \_\_\_\_\_ (start) at 8:30.
5. She \_\_\_\_\_ (like) to bake cookies, but at the moment she \_\_\_\_\_ (not bake) cookies because she \_\_\_\_\_ (study) at school.
6. Dany \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) climbing mountains during his vacation, but this year he \_\_\_\_\_ (not take) any vacation because he \_\_\_\_\_ (study) English.
7. Martine \_\_\_\_\_ (do) computer exercises at the moment. She usually \_\_\_\_\_ (do) computer exercises on Tuesday.
8. Isabelle \_\_\_\_\_ (like) to read at the moment. She \_\_\_\_\_ (read) a very good novel about Ghandi.
9. Suzanne \_\_\_\_\_ (come) from France, and \_\_\_\_\_ (return) there for a holiday in the near future.
10. Claude \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to complete the on-line exercises at the moment.