

TENSE USAGE : Simple Present Vs Present Continuous

PRESENT CONTINUOUS	SIMPLE PRESENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now • At the moment/at present • This morning/evening e.t.c. • Today/tonight • Nowadays • Look! Listen! (at the time of speaking) 	<div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="flex: 1; min-width: 200px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always • never • usually • sometimes • often • rarely / seldom • occasionally • frequently </div> <div style="flex: 1; min-width: 200px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • every day / year e.t.c. • once a week • in the evening / morning e.t.c. • at night • all the time • regularly • normally </div> </div>

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Key Words
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A. Fill in the Simple Present or the Present Continuous Tense:

- 1) Most visitors in London _____ (use) the underground
- 2) I'm sorry but I _____ (not/believe) you.
- 3) It _____ often _____ (not / rain) in the summer, but today it _____ (rain).
- 4) _____ Kylie _____ (meet) Max later?
- 5) Our dog usually _____ (sleep) on the sofa but at the moment he _____ (sleep) under the bed.
- 6) "When _____ you _____ (come) home?" - "In about an hour"
- 7) "_____ Mr. Jackson _____ (help) his son with his homework?" - "Yes, every evening"
- 8) Mary _____ (not/read) a book. She _____ (sit) at her desk. She _____ (write) an essay.
- 9) We usually _____ (go) swimming on Saturdays but we _____ (not/go) swimming today.
- 10) "Why are you so worried?" - "I _____ (take) an exam tomorrow"

B. Choose the correct answer :

1. Harry plays tennis _____.
a. on Sundays b. now
2. Judy _____ a bath at the moment
a. is having b. has
3. I usually _____ on holiday in July.
a. am going b. go
4. "Where's Dad?" - In the garden. He _____ the car
a. is washing b. washes
5. Colin usually cooks dinner but Mary _____ it today.
a. is making b. makes
6. Alex is taking a photo _____.
a. at the moment b. every day

C. Fill in do, does, am, is or are :

- 1) _____ you like pop music?
- 2) _____ you coming to the cinema tonight?
- 3) _____ it snow a lot in your country?

- 4) I _____ not sending an e-mail at the moment.
- 5) Tina and Kim _____ not work in a shop.
- 6) Who _____ helping Pat today?

D. Fill in the Simple Present or the Present Continuous Tense:

1. THINK

- 1) I _____ about my history test tomorrow
- 2) _____ you _____ the film is good?

2. WEAR

- 1) What _____ you _____ for Sue's party?
- 2) Frank often _____ a suit for work

3. BUY

- 1) Carol always _____ her clothes in that shop
- 2) Ann _____ some postcards at the moment. She's in that shop

4. HAVE

- 1) I _____ dinner at the moment
- 2) _____ you _____ a shower every morning?

5. LEAVE

- 1) Steve _____ his flat at eight o'clock in the morning.
- 2) Hurry up! The train _____ !

6. DO

- 1) What _____ your brother _____ tomorrow?
- 2) What _____ you _____ in your spare time?

7. TALK

- 1) We _____ on the phone every day.
- 2) Phil _____ to some people over there

8. WORK

- 1) David _____ in a hospital in Liverpool.
- 2) Helen _____ on her computer right now.

Choose the present simple or present continuous (these verbs are sometimes stative):

1. She _____ (have) a bath every evening.
2. My husband _____ (always / taste) the food while I'm cooking! It's very annoying.
3. A: Where's Luke?
B: He _____ (see) the doctor now.
4. I _____ (not / think) that's a good idea.
5. He _____ (have) a party at the weekend.
6. This coffee _____ (not / taste) right.
7. We _____ (see) John and Susie next weekend.
8. What _____ (you / think) about the war in Iraq?
9. She _____ (have) a headache.
10. It _____ (be) cold today.
11. They _____ (not / have) a car.
12. I _____ (not / see) anything, I can't work the telescope.
13. The waiter _____ (taste) the wine now.
14. She _____ (not / be) a doctor.
15. A: What _____ (that child / do)?
B: He _____ (be) silly.
16. _____ (you / be) hungry? _____ (you / want) a sandwich?
17. A: What _____ (you / do)?
B: I _____ (think) about my ex-boyfriend.
18. I _____ (have) fun today!
19. I _____ (see) Julie every Tuesday.
20. I _____ (have) an idea!
21. A: Achoo!
B: Bless you! _____ (you / have) a cold?
22. They often _____ (see) a film on Fridays.
23. A: How's the cake?
B: It _____ (taste) funny.
24. _____ (you / have) a good time at the moment?
25. The chef always _____ (taste) the food before he serves it.
26. A: Julie has been offered a new job.
B: Is she going to take it?
A: She _____ (not / know). She _____ (think) about it.