

LESSON 3: PRESENT SIMPLE & CONTINUOUS

Exercise 1: Choose the correct word or phrase.

1. I **work / am working** at the local library for the summer.
2. We **don't go / aren't going** to the theatre very often.
3. Stacy **gets / is getting** ready for school, so she can't come to the phone.
4. **Does Gary talk / Is Gary talking** to his professor now?
5. In squash game, you **hit / are hitting** a ball against a wall.
6. I **read / am reading** a newspaper at least once a week.
7. **Do you practise / Are you practising** the piano for two hours every day?
8. Nadine and Claire **do / are doing** quite well at school at the moment.
9. A good friend **knows / is knowing** when you're upset about something.
10. **Does the train / Is the train** leave at 6 o'clock?

Exercise 2: Put the verbs in the correct **present simple** or **present continuous** form.

1. It often _____ in Ireland. That's why they call it the "Green Island". But it _____ there at the moment. (rain, not rain)
2. Susan _____ an email to her parents nearly every Saturday evening. (write)
3. Where is Jimmy? I think he _____ tennis with his younger brother. (play)
4. Jeremy usually _____ to school by bus but today his dad _____ him. (go, drive)
5. How often _____ to the park for a picnic? (you go)
6. I can't understand him because I _____ any French. (not know)
7. They normally _____ TV on Sundays but today they _____ a nap. (watch, take)
8. My best friend _____ 2 minutes away from the school but he _____ late for school. (live, often be)
9. I _____ of leaving Britain next year. I might go to America. (think)
10. Josh _____ my bike! It's so annoying. (always use)
11. The air _____ strange. There must be something wrong. (smell)
12. Sally _____ with her aunt for a few days. (stay)
13. I _____ absolutely no idea what this movie is about. (have)
14. Everything in this box _____ to my grandfather. (belong)
15. _____ she okay? She _____ upset. (be, look)
16. _____ music up there? It's really noisy! (you play)

Exercise 3: Read and choose the correct answer.

- The washing machine _____ when you press this button.
A. is starting B. is starts C. starts
- _____ Christine _____ to the radio, or is that the TV I can hear?
A. Does/ listen B. Is/ listening C. Does/ listens
- Many people _____ spending time on the beach on their holidays.
A. enjoy B. are enjoying C. enjoys
- My family _____ at weekends.
A. don't usually eat out B. doesn't usually eat out C. A & B
- My friend's dog - Bailey _____ excited when she sees me.
A. is always B. always is C. A & B
- I _____ to Thailand with my dad next week.
A. travel B. am travelling C. am travel
- What _____ now? I really don't know.
A. do you want B. are you wanting C. you want

Exercise 4: Find the **mistakes** and **correct**.

- One game I **am loving** is backgammon.
- You are throwing the dice and then you move your pieces around the board.
- It is seeming quite easy, but in fact you need to be quite careful.
- When your piece lands on one of the other person's pieces, you are taking it off the board and you send it back to the beginning.
- You are winning by getting all your pieces to the end and off the board.
- Some people prefer chess, but I am not understanding that game.
- Right now, I wait to have a game with my brother.
- He does his homework. I usually win, so I think he doesn't want to play a game with me!

1. <i>am loving</i>	→	<i>love</i>	5.	→	
2.	→		6.	→	
3.	→		7.	→	
4.	→		8.	→	

Exercise 5: Make the questions for the underlined words. Number 1 is done for you as an example.

Example: Sam often has cereal for breakfast. → **How often** does Sam have cereal for breakfast?

1. Mike plays the guitar very well.

→ _____?

2. My teacher is writing some examples on the board.

→ _____?

3. My parents never argue in front of me.

→ _____?

4. Rob goes to school by bus.

→ _____?

5. Sam is doing his homework in his room.

→ _____?

6. I read two books every month.

→ _____?

7. Yes, Sally is writing a letter now.

→ _____?

8. No, my sister doesn't like horror movies.

→ _____?

Exercise 6: Use the words below to fill in the blanks. Use Present Simple or Continuous.

wait

look

have to

shine

watch

have

write

be

not like

tell

Dear Sara,

I ¹ _____ to you from our hotel. I am on vacation with my family and we

² _____ a great time. The weather ³ _____ great and the sun

⁴ _____. I ⁵ _____ outside my window and I can see a lot of things.

There are some people on the beach sunbathing. There are a few people sailing in the sea.

I ⁶ _____ sailing because I'm scared of water.

At the moment my brother ⁷ _____ television and my mother ⁸ _____

him to get ready because we ⁹ _____ do some sightseeing. My father

¹⁰ _____ for us downstairs, so I will write to you again later in the week.

Have to go now.

Love,

Paula