

PRESENT SIMPLE OR CONTINUOUS?

Complete the sentences using the verbs in the correct form.

Affirmative

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| 1. ride | 1. Look! Tom _____ his bike over there. |
| 2. read | 2. Nora _____ a lot of books every week. |
| 3. write | 3. Alec _____ a test right now. |
| 4. draw | 4. Pam often _____ funny animals at school. |
| 5. run | 5. The boys _____ in the yard at the moment. |
| 6. come | 6. We always _____ to school in time. |
| 7. watch | 7. I _____ a very interesting film now. |
| 8. make | 8. You often _____ a lot of mistakes. |
| 9. listen | 9. We _____ to the classical music now. |
| 10. send | 10. Paul never _____ SMS to his friends. |

Negative

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| 11. water | 11. I _____ (not) the flowers at the moment. |
| 12. call | 12. Tim _____ (not) his friends every day. |
| 13. play | 13. They _____ (not) football now. |
| 14. go | 14. Anna _____ (not) to the zoo every day. |
| 15. help | 15. We _____ (not) Andrew at the moment. |
| 16. know | 16. You _____ (not) this rule today. |
| 17. buy | 17. Liz _____ (not) food at present. |
| 18. learn | 18. He _____ (not) German right now. |
| 19. meet | 19. I _____ (not) Lesley every day. |
| 20. eat | 20. Tina _____ (not) cookies at the moment. |

Interrogative

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| 21. receive | 21. _____ you _____ your e-mail now? |
| 22. lose | 22. _____ Ben _____ his pens every day? |
| 23. stand | 23. _____ they _____ in the corridor now? |
| 24. wear | 24. _____ Kate _____ a nice dress today? |
| 25. sing | 25. _____ you _____ a new song right now? |
| 26. drive | 26. _____ she _____ her car to work today? |
| 27. eat | 27. _____ they _____ a cake at the moment? |
| 28. get | 28. _____ Tina _____ a lot of SMS today? |
| 29. ski | 29. _____ he _____ in the park at present? |
| 30. feed | 30. _____ you _____ your pet every day? |
| 31. drink | 31. _____ Nick _____ coffee right now? |

A Context listening

A1 Look at the pictures. What are these places?

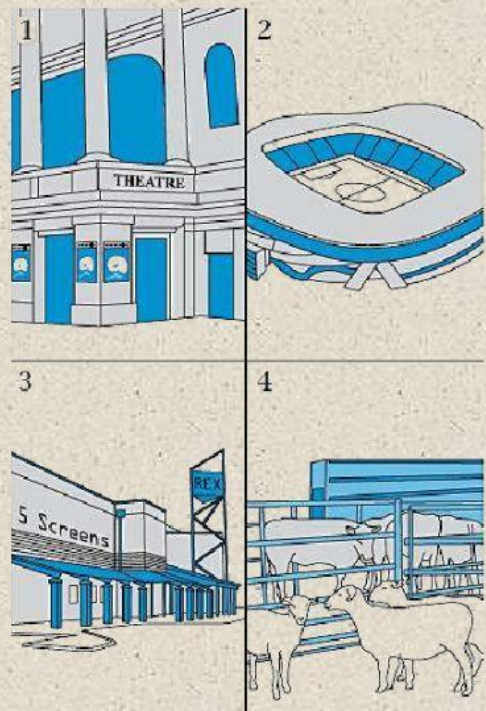
A2  **4** You are going to hear a tour guide talking to some tourists in a coach. She is telling them about places they can see in a city. Listen and tick the places in A1 which they see.

A3  **4** Listen again and complete the sentences below.

- 1 Our tours usually last about one hour.
- 2 The bus into Queens Road.
- 3 We the City Theatre.
- 4 This Cititour bus along the High Street into the market place.
- 5 At the moment some musicians for an outdoor concert there.

A4 Look at your answers to A3 and answer these questions.

- 1 Which sentences contain the present simple?
- 2 Which sentences contain the present continuous?
- 3 Which sentences tell you about what usually happens?
- 4 Which sentences tell you only about now?



Here is part of a student's letter to a penfriend. Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the present simple or continuous.

Dear Pari

- 1 I'm (I/be) a university student. As it's holiday time now, 2 (I/work) in a hotel. At the end of every term 3 (I/come) back to my home town and 4 (I/get) a job in this hotel to earn money.
- 5 This summer (I/share) a room in the hotel with another girl.
- 6 (It/not be) as comfortable as my parents' house, but 7 (I/prefer) it, because 8 (I/not want) to travel home late at night. So this year 9 (I/save) more money and 10 (I/get) more sleep.