

UNIT 1 - GRAMMAR 1

PRESENT TENSES



1. Select the correct answer

1. The bakery in town _ fresh bread every day.

☐ bakes

☐ is baking

2. That camera _ to me. It's my sister's.

☐ is not belonging

☐ doesn't belong

3. The concert _ at 8 pm and we don't want to be late.

☐ starting

☐ starts

4. It's 9 pm. Why _ shopping now?

☐ are you going

☐ do you go

5. Where _ lunch today? Can we meet?

☐ are you having

☐ do you have

2. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs given.

Use the Present Simple or the Present Continuous.

1. The garatge _____ (fix) my car, so I have to take the bus.

2. _____ this colour _____ (look) OK for the bathroom walls?

3. Leo _____ (speak) French well and _____ (not make) many mistakes.

4. Adam _____ (be) so clumsy. He _____ (always/break) things.

5. I _____ (throw away) the cheese because it _____ (not taste) good.

6. My father _____ (always/make) our hotel reservations well in advance.

7. People _____ (not travel) abroad as much as before. They _____ (prefer) to spend the summer in their own country.

8. The film _____ (start) at 5 pm, so we should hurry.

9. How many people _____ you _____ (invite) to the party next week?

10. I _____ (have) lunch with a friend tomorrow.

3. Complete the questions with the following verbs. Use Present Simple or Present Continuous. Then match the questions to the answers.

tutor • rehearse • apply • start • compete • find

1. When _____ the English lesson _____ on Tuesdays?

2. _____ Mike _____ for the manager's job this week?

3. _____ the new students _____ it difficult to keep up with the rest of the class?

4. On which days _____ you _____ for the school play?

5. Why _____ you _____ Betty in maths?

6. _____ your sister _____ in the marathon every year?

☐ a. In some of the lessons.

☐ b. At 10.45.

☐ c. No, she doesn't.

☐ d. She needs help.

☐ e. Yes, he is.

☐ f. Mondays and Fridays.

-ing/to... -ing/to...
like
remember
be
see
stop
would like
infinitive
Gerund
continue





3. Complete. Use the Present Simple or the Present Continuous

1. The plane _____ (leave) Madrid at 8 am and _____ (arrive) in London around 10 am.
2. Factories _____ (make) coffee from coffee beans.
3. An Olympic medal _____ (usually /belong) to the athlete that won it.
4. Maria _____ (know) how to speak English fluently as she comes from Australia.
5. Mum _____ (mix) eggs, sugar and flour now. She _____ (make) a cake.
6. Tim _____ (go) to New Zealand this month and he _____ (plan) to take New Zealand dollars with him.

4. Complete the text. Use Present Simple or Present Continuous.

LEARNING IN AN OPEN PLAN SCHOOL

Can you imagine a school where all 1,150 students _____ (have) lessons in one large space called an "open plan"? That's what happens at the super-modern school Orestad, in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Educators _____ (believe) that an open environment encourages students to work together. Students who _____ (currently/study) at the school learn that two heads are



better than one, and that teamwork _____ (be) a good idea. Another result of an open plan is that students _____ (not talk) in loud voices - out of respect for their classmates.

At Orestad, everything from books to homework assignments is online, and the school _____ (put) emphasis on Technology in maths, for example, instead of giving in the answers to the teacher, the students can film themselves while they _____ (solve) a problem, and then _____ (hand in) their video to the teacher.

Many places throughout the world _____ (now build) schools using these ideas. _____ you _____ (think) learning in an open plan would be a good idea at your school?