

Present Simple vs. Present Progressive

Exercise 1

Put the verbs into the correct tense (simple present or present progressive).

1. Look! He (leave)_____ the house.
2. Quiet please! I (write)_____ a test.
3. She usually (walk)_____ to school.
4. But look! Today she (go)_____ by bike.
5. Every Sunday we (go)_____ to see my grandparents.
6. He often (go)_____ to the cinema.
7. We (play)_____ Monopoly at the moment.
8. The child seldom (cry)_____.
9. I (not / do)_____ anything at the moment.
10. (watch / he)_____ the news regularly?
 11. The lesson (start)_____ at 9 o'clock.
 12. He often (wear)_____ a black cap.
 13. I (meet)_____ my friends in the youth club tonight.
 14. My friend (move)_____ house tomorrow.
 15. My birthday (be)_____ in September.

Exercise 2:

Complete the sentences. Use Simple Present or Present Progressive.

1. She (not / ride)_____ her bike right now.
2. We (not / stay)_____ at home tonight.
3. I (not / like)_____ bananas.
4. They (not / know)_____ the answer.
5. I (not / sit)_____ in the garden at the moment.
6. When (arrive/ the plane) _____?
7. (visit/ you)_____ Jane in the hospital today?
8. What time(get/up) _____ in the mornings?
9. Why (cry/she)_____ now?
10. (swim/ they)_____ in the pool at the moment?

Exercise 3:

When to use which tense? Present Simple or Present Progressive!

1. Which tense do you have to use with the following signal words:
Look!, now? _____
2. Which tense do you have to use with the following signal words:
often, seldom, never? _____
3. For actions happening at the moment of speaking, we use
_____.
4. For actions set by a timetable or schedule, we use _____.
5. For arrangements for the near future, we use _____.