

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 _____.