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GRAMMAR WORKSHEET
Simple Present vs. Present Continuous

Part A

Instructions: Complete the following sentences by writing the verbs in parentheses in the correct tense. You may use the **simple present** or **present continuous**.

1. The train always _____ (leave) on time.
2. "What's the matter? Why _____ (cry/you)?"
3. That's strange. They _____ (not to watch) TV.
4. He _____ (not to speak) very good English.
5. Please be quiet! I _____ (do) my homework.
6. Where _____ (live/they)?
7. Listen! John _____ music! (play)
8. I never _____ (go) to the swimming pool.

Harold Black's a famous pianist. He _____ (9. give) two or three concerts every week. He _____ (10. travel) a lot and this week he's in New York. He _____ (11. stay) at an expensive hotel. He's at his hotel now. He _____ (12. have) his breakfast in the dining-room. He _____ (13. drink) a cup of coffee and he _____ (14. read) a newspaper. Harold's always very busy. He _____ (15. play) the piano regularly. He _____ (16. practice) for four hours every day. He _____ (17. go) to bed late and he always _____ (18. get up) early. But he sometimes _____ (19. get) dressed too quickly, and this morning he _____ (20. wear) one blue sock and one red one!

Part B

Instructions: Complete the sentences below using one of the verbs in the box in the correct form. You may use **each verb only once**. You may use the **simple present** or **present continuous**.

enjoy	prefer	play	produce	work	seem
know	interview	wait	talk	finish	

1. I always _____ tennis on Fridays.
2. He _____ his report. He will bring it into the office when it is complete.
3. "My parents phoned me this morning. They _____ themselves in the Seychelles. Champagne every night! In fact, they don't want to leave."
4. We _____ to entertain our guests in a local restaurant rather than the canteen. Although it is expensive, we can talk freely there.
5. I _____ the answer to your problem. Get a new computer.
6. "Where is John?" "In his office _____ for an important telephone call."
7. I can't make the meeting tomorrow. I _____ the applicants for the sales manager's job.
8. My brother _____ for Shink Inc. which makes bathroom fittings.
9. Who _____ to Bill? Is it the new secretary?
10. The new contract _____ fine to me. However, could you just check it through once more?

Part C

Instructions: Complete the following sentences by marking with an **X** the correct form of the verb.

1. Marie-Claude isn't a Canadian. I _____ she comes from France.
a. believe b. am believing c. believes d. belief
2. Look! Junko _____ into the water.
a. jumps b. are jumping c. is jumping d. jump
3. I _____ you're crazy!
a. thinks b. am thinking c. is thinking d. think
4. Don't give Jan any cheese! She _____ it!
a. hates b. is hating c. hate d. are hating
5. Rosa _____ to Toronto next Thursday. Do you want to come?
a. goes b. is going c. go d. are going

6. Once a week, I _____ to an art class at the college.
a. goes b. go c. am going d. is going
7. I _____ lunch in the cafeteria every day.
a. has b. have b. am having d. had
8. Salman is rich. He _____ a brand new Mercedes.
a. drives b. are driving c. is drives d. drive
9. You won't find Jerry at home right now. He _____ in the library.
a. studies b. studys c. is studying d. is studing
10. It _____ quite hard. Perhaps we shouldn't go out tonight.
a. snows b. is snowing c. snow d. is snowying

*Double check your answers
before submitting your work!*



Always seek to excel yourself. Put
yourself in competition with
yourself each day. Each morning
look back upon your work of
yesterday and then try to beat it

— Charles Sheldon —

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