

## PRESENT SIMPLE VS PRESENT CONTINUOUS EXERCISES

### 1. Put the verbs into the correct tense (present simple OR present continuous):

The train always \_\_\_\_\_ (1: leave) on time.

"What's the matter? Why \_\_\_\_\_ (2: cry/you)?"

That's strange. They \_\_\_\_\_ (3: not to watch) TV.

He \_\_\_\_\_ (4: not to speak) very good English.

Please be quiet! I \_\_\_\_\_ (5: do) my homework.

Where \_\_\_\_\_ (6: live/they)?

Listen! John \_\_\_\_\_ music! (7: play)

I never \_\_\_\_\_ (8: go) to the swimming pool.

### 3. Choose the correct form for each verb.

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- Marie-Claude isn't a Canadian. I \_\_\_\_\_ she comes from France.  
A.  believe  
B.  am believing
- Look! Junko \_\_\_\_\_ into the water.  
A.  jumps  
B.  is jumping
- I \_\_\_\_\_ you're crazy!  
A.  think  
B.  am thinking
- Don't give Jan any cheese. She \_\_\_\_\_ it!  
A.  hates  
B.  is hating
- I \_\_\_\_\_ to Toronto next Thursday. Do you want to come?  
A.  go  
B.  am going
- Once a week, I \_\_\_\_\_ to an art class at the college.  
A.  go

- B. ? am going
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ lunch in the cafeteria every day.  
A. ? have  
B. ? am having
8. Salman is rich — he \_\_\_\_\_ a Mercedes.  
A. ? drives  
B. ? is driving
9. You won't find Jerry at home right now. He \_\_\_\_\_ in the library.  
A. ? studies  
B. ? is studying
10. It \_\_\_\_\_ quite hard — perhaps we shouldn't go out tonight.  
A. ? snows  
B. ? is snowing

**5. Present Simple or Continuous? Choose the correct alternative(s) in the sentences 1-8 below.**

- 1 Today she 's spending/spends time with her grandmother.
- 2 They usually are going/go to the gym on Sundays.
- 3 We 're having/have a barbecue later on. Do you want to come?
- 4 No, she can't answer the phone, she has/is having a shower.
- 5 I always have/am having a coffee before I 'm leaving/leave for work in the morning.
- 6 They sometimes fly/are flying to Sweden, but usually they are going/go by boat.
- 7 Where are you? I 'm sitting/sit outside in the sunshine!
- 8 He always brings/is bringing a monolingual dictionary to his English class.