05 Present tenses overview

The present simple and present continuous are used in different situations. There are different ways to form questions and negatives with these tenses.

5.1 LOOK AT THE PICTURES AND COMPLETE THE SENTENCES USING THE PHRASES IN THE PANEL

Mike and Ellie *are painting* their house this afternoon.

3 Is Dimitri still _____ the garage wall?

1 Annabelle _____ caves in her free time.

4 Brendan _____ watching comedies on TV in the evenings.

2 João _____ dogs. He's really scared of them.

5 Sid and Les _____ at the beauty salon.

explores | ~~are painting~~ | work | doesn't like | loves | building

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5.2 CROSS OUT THE INCORRECT WORDS IN EACH SENTENCE

Jim ~~tries~~ / **is trying** to build a chair.

1. Kit **goes** / **is going** scuba diving with her friends on Fridays.
2. Ben and Kelly **dance** / **are dancing** at the club tonight.
3. Sai **puts** / **is putting** the dishes in the dishwasher each evening.
4. Bruce **waits** / **is waiting** to go for a walk.

5.3 FILL IN THE GAPS BY PUTTING THE VERBS IN THE PRESENT SIMPLE OR THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Alastair usually ___*plays*___ **(play)** tennis, but this afternoon he ___*is playing*___ **(play)** badminton.

1. Mary _____ **(not send)** letters often, but she _____ **(write)** one to her mother now.
2. I _____ **(work)** from home today, but usually I _____ **(work)** in an office.
3. We usually _____ **(go)** to Spain on vacation, but this year we _____ **(go)** to Mexico.
4. Helen _____ **(work)** in an elementary school. She _____ **(teach)** math right now.
5. I _____ **(not eat)** meat very often, but tonight I _____ **(have)** a steak.
6. It _____ **(not rain)** often in California, but today it _____ **(pour)**.
7. My cousin _____ **(perform)** on stage now. I _____ **(love)** her voice.
8. Rajiv _____ **(wear)** a T-shirt now, but he always _____ **(wear)** a shirt at work.
9. My dad _____ **(sleep)** now. He _____ **(be)** tired after the journey.
10. Juan normally_____ **(start)** work at 8am, but today he _____ **(go)** to the dentist.
11. Bob _____ **(take)** a taxi to work this morning, but he usually _____ **(take)** the bus.

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5.4 MATCH THE BEGINNINGS OF THE SENTENCES TO THE CORRECT ENDINGS

	Mario sometimes	living at the moment?
1	My brother doesn't	in the kitchen?
2	My mom usually bakes	plays tennis with his uncle.
3	Where is your sister	play golf with your colleagues?
4	Tom's new girlfriend	work on Friday afternoons.
5	What's dad cooking	a cake on the weekends.
6	How often do you	lives in a resort in Spain.

5.5 REWRITE THE SENTENCES, PUTTING THE WORDS IN THE CORRECT ORDER

never | the | Ben | bus | work. | takes | to

Ben never takes the bus to work.

1 you | soccer | weekend? | Do | the | on | play

_____

2 Paula | French | college? | studying | Is | at

_____

3 your | Why | wearing | a | is | today? | dad | suit

_____

4 usually | at | Fridays. | works | on | Clarissa | home

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5.6 MARK THE SENTENCES THAT ARE CORRECT

Do Christina still have a cat? ☐
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1. Lou wakes up at 7am each morning. ☐
   Lou wake up at 7am each morning. ☐
2. Henry is performing at a country and western club tonight. ☐
   Henry are performing at a country and western club tonight. ☐
3. Tanya doesn't feels well, so she's not coming to the party. ☐
   Tanya doesn't feel well, so she's not coming to the party. ☐

5.7 REWRITE THE SENTENCES, CORRECTING THE ERRORS

Unfortunately, Mr. Clarke **doesn't understands** Russian.
Unfortunately, Mr. Clarke doesn't understand Russian.

1. Steve **read** in bed before he **go** to sleep.
   _____
2. Lisa and Tim **goes** to the gym after work.
   _____
3. My mom **plays** golf with her friend this afternoon.
   _____
4. Vernon **don't like** snakes. He really **hate** them.
   _____
5. We often **are going** to the café by the park.
   _____
6. Craig **walking** in the mountains with Rob this week.
   _____

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