

UNIT 1 GRAMMAR EXERCISES: PRESENT TENSES

I. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the Present Simple or Present Continuous (Thì hiện tại đơn hoặc Thì hiện tại tiếp diễn).

Question 1. Jeremy usually _____ to school by bus but today his dad _____ him. (GO, DRIVE)

Question 2. How often _____ to the park for a picnic? (YOU GO)

Question 3. Northern California _____ a lot of rain during the wintertime but this winter it _____ at all. (GET, NOT RAIN)

Question 4. My sister often _____ in bed but today she is so tired that she _____ anything at all. (READ, NOT READ)

Question 5. Look to your right! Mary _____ her little sister to school. How sweet! (BRING)

Question 6. Mom can't help you right now because she _____ dinner. (PREPARE)

Question 7. The neighbours' boys always _____ to school late. (COME)

Question 8. My parents never _____ cigarettes in front of us. (SMOKE)

Question 9. I can't understand him because I _____ any French. (NOT KNOW)

Question 10. Mary _____ eating sweets. Every morning she _____ coffee with lots of sweets. (LIKE, HAVE)

Question 11. What _____? – I think they _____ to be fed by the tourists. (THE DUCKS DO, WAIT)

Question 12. It _____ very hard at the moment. (RAIN)

Question 13. They normally _____ TV on Sundays but today they _____ a nap. (WATCH, TAKE)

Question 14. Dad _____ TV when he _____ home from the office. (NOT USUALLY WATCH, COME)

Question 15. Every Monday my dad _____ to work by train because my mom _____ the car. (GO, NEED)

Question 16. Our teacher often _____ at us when she's in a bad mood. (SHOUT)

Question 17. I _____ for a new car which I want to buy as soon as possible. (SAVE)

Question 18. What _____ right now? – He _____ in the river. (TOM DO, SWIM)

II. Fill in the correct form of the Present Simple or Present Continuous (Thì hiện tại đơn hoặc Thì hiện tại tiếp diễn).

Dear Editor!

I _____ (WRITE) this letter because it _____ (SEEM) to me that far too many changes _____ (TAKE) place in my country these days, and, as a result, we _____ (LOSE) our identity.

I _____ (LIVE) in a small town but even this town _____ (CHANGE) before my eyes. For example, town authorities _____ (BUILD) a burger place where my favourite restaurant used to be. Our culture _____ (BELONG) to everybody, and I _____ (NOT UNDERSTAND) why the town leaders _____ (NOT DO) to preserve it. They simply _____ (NOT CARE).

In fact, I _____ (THINK) of starting an action group. I _____ (APPEAR) on a TV show on Friday evening to make people aware of how importance this issue is. It's time for us to start doing something before it _____ (GET) too late.

III. Complete the sentences using the correct form of the present perfect or present perfect continuous.

Question 1. I _____ several books about sailing and I am quite fascinated by the sport. (READ)

Question 2. You look absolutely exhausted. What _____ ? (YOU DO)

Question 3. He _____ that book for over two weeks and he _____ yet. He's such a slow reader. (READ, NOT FINISH)

Question 4. My sister _____ in Norwich for two months. She seems to like it there and is not planning to leave. (LIVE)

Question 5. My dad _____ a new job. (JUST START)

Question 6. You should put some boots on. It _____ for several days now and the ground is pretty muddy. (RAIN)

Question 7. _____ your homework yet ? You _____ on it for hours. (YOU FINISH, WORK)

Question 8. Maria _____ for a job since she left school last summer. She still _____ one. (LOOK, NOT FIND)

Question 9. They _____ TV the whole evening. It's their favourite film and they _____ it several times. (WATCH, SEE)

Question 10. I _____ him about his new girl friend twice this week. He doesn't seem to want to answer. (ASK)

Question 11. I _____ my driving test. (JUST PASS)

Question 12. Where _____ ? - At the doctor's. I _____ ill lately (YOU BE , BE)

Question 13. We _____ the date for the marriage. It will be on May 26. (SET)

Question 14. My sister _____ too many sweets lately . She must try to stop. (EAT)

Question 15. I _____ him for ages. I wonder what he _____ up to. (NOT SEE, BE)

Question 16. I _____ French for three years now but I don't seem to be making any progress. It's so difficult (LEARN).