

Exercise 1

Complete the sentences using the Present Simple or Present Continuous.

(Remember: stative verbs are usually NOT used in continuous forms.)

1. I _____ (not know) what to give my brother for his birthday.
2. _____ they _____ (want) to publish this book in July?
3. She _____ (think) he _____ (drive) dangerously.
4. He _____ (understand) that he _____ (eat) noisily, but he always _____ (forget) about it.
5. Who _____ (be) that man who _____ (stand) in the doorway? — You _____ (not recognise) him? It _____ (be) John, my cousin.
6. I _____ (have) no time now, I _____ (have) dinner.
7. _____ your family _____ (leave) St. Petersburg in summer? — Yes, we always _____ (go) to the seaside. We all _____ (like) the sea. Mother _____ (stay) with us to the end of August, but father _____ (return) much earlier.
8. Where _____ Tom and Nick _____ (be) now? — They _____ (have) a smoke in the garden.
9. What _____ you _____ (do) here now? — We _____ (listen) to tape recordings.
10. _____ you _____ (want) to see my father? — Yes, I ...
11. Michael _____ (know) German rather well. He _____ (want) to know English too, but he _____ (have) little time for it now.
12. What magazine _____ you _____ (read)? — It _____ (be) a French magazine. There _____ (be) good articles on sports here. You _____ (be) interested in sports? — Yes, I ... But I _____ (not to know) French.

Exercise 2

Put the verbs into the correct tense.

1. I _____ (sit) in the waiting room at the doctor's now.
2. I _____ (not work) in my office now.
3. Eric _____ (talk) about his holiday plans, but Kenny _____ (not listen). He _____ (think) about his new car at the moment.
4. My friend _____ (live) in St. Petersburg.
5. My cousin _____ (not live) in Moscow.
6. The children _____ (not sleep) now.
7. The children _____ (play) in the yard every day.
8. They _____ (not go) to the stadium on Monday.
9. She _____ (read) in the evening.
10. She _____ (not read) in the morning.
11. She _____ (not read) now.
12. I _____ (write) a composition now.

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13. I _____ (not drink) milk now.
14. I _____ (go) for a walk after dinner.
15. I _____ (not go) to the theatre every Sunday.
16. He _____ (not read) now.
17. He _____ (play) now.
18. _____ he _____ (play) now?
19. My mother _____ (work) at a factory.
20. My aunt _____ (not work) at a shop.
21. _____ you _____ (work) at an office?
22. _____ your father _____ (work) at this factory?
23. _____ you _____ (play) chess now?
24. Look at the sky: the clouds _____ (move) slowly, the sun _____ (appear), it
_____ (get) warmer.
25. My brother is not well yet, but his health _____ (improve) day after day.
26. Listen! Who _____ (play) the piano in the next room?
27. Henry usually _____ (wear) glasses, and now he _____ (wear) sunglasses.
28. Who _____ (listen) to music on his personal stereo over there right now?