ENGLISH GRAMMAR WORKSHEET

Present Simple vs Present Continuous • 16+ • Intermediate

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Quick reminder

Present Simple	**Present Continuous**
habits, routines, facts, permanent situations *I usually work from home.*	actions happening now / around now, temporary situations, changing situations *I am working from home this week.*

1. Choose the correct form

Circle the correct option.

1. I **work** / **am working** in a café every Saturday.
2. Please be quiet. I **study** / **am studying** for my exam.
3. My sister **doesn't usually drive** / **isn't usually driving** to work.
4. Why **do you wear** / **are you wearing** a coat today? It's warm.
5. We **live** / **are living** in Rotterdam, but we're staying with friends this month.
6. The Earth **moves** / **is moving** around the Sun.
7. More people **use** / **are using** electric cars these days.
8. He **doesn't understand** / **isn't understanding** the question.

2. Complete the sentences

Put the verb in brackets into the present simple or present continuous.

1. My brother _____ (play) tennis twice a week.
2. Look! The dog _____ (chase) the cat.
3. I _____ (not / drink) coffee very often.
4. What _____ you _____ (do) right now?
5. Our teacher _____ (give) us a test every Friday.
6. Prices _____ (increase) rapidly at the moment.

3. Find and correct the mistake

Each sentence contains one grammar mistake. Rewrite it correctly.

1. I am going to the gym every Monday. _____
2. She works from home this week. _____
3. Why do you looking at me? _____

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4. Complete the text

Use the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

A week in the life of Maya

Maya normally _____ (work) in an office, but this week she _____ (work) from home. She usually _____ (start) work at 8:30, but today she _____ (start) later because she has an appointment. She _____ (not / have) many meetings on Fridays, so she often _____ (finish) early. At the moment, however, she _____ (prepare) an important presentation for next week. Her colleagues _____ (wait) for the final version, and Maya _____ (try) to finish it today.

5. Choose the best answer

Choose A, B or C.

1. I can't talk now. I ___ dinner.	A cook	B am cooking	C cooks
2. My parents ___ abroad every summer.	A travel	B are travelling	C travels
3. Why ___ so fast today?	A do you drive	B are you driving	C you drive
4. This company ___ software for schools.	A develops	B is developing	C develop
5. We ___ a new project this month.	A work on	B are working on	C works on

6. Context challenge

Complete the dialogue with the correct tense.

Alex: What _____ you _____ (do)?

Sam: I _____ (look) for my keys. I usually _____ (keep) them in my bag.

Alex: You _____ (always / lose) things!

Sam: That's not true. I _____ (not / lose) things very often.

Alex: Well, what _____ you _____ (look) for now?

Sam: My phone. I think it's under the sofa.

7. Your turn

Write 4–5 sentences about your life. Use both tenses. Include at least two present simple sentences and two present continuous sentences.

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Self-check ■ I can use the present simple for routines/facts. ■ I can use the present continuous for actions happening now/around now.

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