

PRESENT SIMPLE & PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Grammar practice • Third year • Student worksheet

Exercise 1 — Choose the correct alternative

Choose the correct option.

1. Look! That man is running / runs away with a bag in his hands! Is he a thief?
2. My schoolmates have / are having a snack at school every day.
3. Kevin! Why do you put / are you putting your shoes on the sofa now?
4. Don't you go / Aren't you going to school today? No, it's Sunday!
5. Xavier is a Spanish dancer. He dances / is dancing very well.
6. My sister reads / is reading an interesting novel at the moment.
7. Do Marion and Frank think / Are Marion and Frank thinking they are right?
8. I am loving / love the new shoe shop in Tucano Square.

Exercise 2 — Complete the sentences

Use the Present Simple or Present Continuous of the verbs in brackets.

1. I _____ (attend) a school in Rome, but this term I _____ (go) to school in London.
2. Toby often _____ (read) books at home, but now he _____ (read) on the bus.
3. He usually _____ (work out) on Mondays, but today he _____ (play) tennis.
4. Julia often _____ (walk) to work, but today she _____ (take) the bus.
5. I rarely _____ (go) abroad, but next week I _____ (go) to Japan.
6. We _____ (have) lunch with friends on Sundays, but today we _____ (go) to a concert.
7. Nick _____ (commute) every day from Bristol to Bath, but today he _____ (drive) to Cardiff.
8. I mainly _____ (choose) thrillers, but at the moment I _____ (read) a History book.

Exercise 3 — Complete the auxiliary

Write the appropriate auxiliary verb.

1. Why _____ she having a nap now?
2. Where _____ you spend your weekends?
3. Who _____ you looking for?
4. What _____ they listening to now?
5. Which music _____ you like, rock or country?
6. When _____ she have lunch at the canteen?
7. What _____ he got in his pocket?
8. Who _____ calling me?

Exercise 4 — Put the words in order

Rearrange the words to make correct sentences.

1. kids / dark / the / frightened / it's / getting / wood / and / in / are / .
2. aren't / the / party / sad / she's / her / coming / school / because / to / friends / .
3. always / oversleep / morning / they / early / in / want / today / get up / they / but / the / to / .
4. the / about / you / Mexican / why / complaining / new / are / restaurant / ?
5. their / next / I / are / think / our / for / holidays / don't / neighbours / week / leaving / .
6. her / Jeff / texting / loves / is / always / to / Serena / tell / he / her / !

Exercise 5 — Weekend plans

Complete the dialogue with the Present Simple or Present Continuous of the verbs in brackets.

PETE Steve, why (0) don't we leave (not / leave) with Emily, Anne and Jeff for the weekend?

STEVE Good idea! (1) _____ (you / have) a location in mind?

PETE (2) _____ (I / think) about the area of Whaley Bridge. My parents often (3) _____ (go) there and they (4) _____ (say) it's a very beautiful natural place.

STEVE I'm up for it! I (5) _____ (love) spending my time outdoors!

PETE There's a guest house where we can stay for a night. It's on a small hill and it (6) _____ (overlook) a lovely lake.

STEVE And I suppose it (7) _____ (not / cost) an arm and a leg! What can we do there?

PETE Everything, from rowing to playing volleyball on the sandy beaches around the lake!

STEVE Wow! Emily and Anne (8) _____ (like) playing beach volley! And while we (9) _____ (play), Jeff can cook for us... Here he is! Speak of the devil!

JEFF Why (10) _____ (you / talk) about me?

STEVE We (11) _____ (plan) an outdoor trip and we (12) _____ (need) your delicious grilled ribs and vegetables. (13) _____ (you / come) with us?

JEFF OK, it (14) _____ (sound) great!