PRESENT TENSES

A- Fill in the correct verb form : **PRESENT SIMPLE** or **PRESENT CONTINUOUS** .

1. I'm in Paris because I _____ French at a language school (**STUDY**).
2. I usually _____ as a secretary (**WORK**)
3. I hate living in Seattle because it always _____ there (**RAIN**).
4. I am sorry I can't hear what you _____ because everyone _____ so loudly (**SAY, TALK**)
5. Jack _____ about his adventures in Tibet (**CURRENTLY WRITE**)
6. _____ to come over for dinner tonight ? (**YOU WANT**)
7. Look, I _____ two tickets for the circus (**HAVE**)

8- Compaq _____ computers but it _____ cars (**MAKE, NOT MAKE**)

9-Computers _____ more an more popular these days (**BECOME**)

10- Everybody _____ money. It is very important (**NEED**)

11- This milk _____ fresh (**NOT TASTE**)

12- This afternoon I _____ my doctor about my skin problem (**SEE**)

13- How is your cold today. It _____ a lot better than yesterday (**SOUND**)

14- She normally _____ all the Harry Potter books, but right now I _____ she _____ something else (**READ, THINK, READ**)

15- It is strange that people _____ some movies so seriously (**TAKE**)

16- What _____ for a living . - Well he is a market consultant (**YOUR DAD, DO**)

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B- Fill in the correct verb form : **PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE** or **PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS** .

1. I don't know what time it is; my watch _____ (STOP).
2. How long _____ (YOU BE) a fire-fighter ?
3. I _____ (LOOK) for you since 7 o'clock . - Where _____ ? (YOU BE)
4. The government _____ (ANNOUNCE) new laws to fight unemployment.
5. I _____ (BE) to many countries in Europe, but I _____ (NEVER VISIT) Poland.
6. Jane _____ (NOT EAT) any meat since she was six.
7. We _____ (SELL) tickets for the concert since March.
8. _____ (YOU HEAR) the news about the earthquake ?
9. How long _____ (YOU STAND) in this queue ? - Well , I _____ (JUST BE) here for a bit over an hour.
10. They must be so tired. They _____ (REPAIR) the car the whole morning.
11- This traffic is terrible. We _____ (**DRIVE**) all day, but we _____ (**ONLY DO**) 50 miles up to now.
12- Is Jerry OK ? He _____ (**ONLY ANSWER**) 4 questions but he _____ (**SIT**) at the test for over an hour.
13- I _____ (**TRY**) to find a job for over 6 months and I _____ (**HAVE**) over 20 job interviews, but nothing _____ (**COME**) up yet.

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Present Tense Revision

Present Simple

- REGULAR HABITS or routines.
- Permanent situations, scientific facts or general truths.
- Personal facts or preferences
- State verbs (non-progressive verbs)
- Timetables, headlines, jokes.

Signal Words:
always, never, usually, sometimes, often, hardly ever, seldom, rarely, on the whole; on Tuesdays, in the mornings, at night, on Saturday afternoon, in summer, at New Year's Eve; every... (day/Saturday/August/winter); once a... / twice a... / three times a... (day/month/year)

Present Continuous

- Actions HAPPENING NOW or around now.
- Temporary actions.
- Actions in progress.
- Annoying habits or complaints (+ always)
- Fixed plans for the near future. (appointments, arrangements)

Signal Words:
at the moment, at present, now, right now, today, tonight, these days, this year, currently
Listen!, Watch out!, Look!, Excuse me
tomorrow, next month, at 5 o'clock,
this afternoon, tomorrow morning.

Present Perfect Simple

- It emphasizes RESULT. For completed actions at unspecific points in the past (=experience). (How long?)
- Completed actions that started in the past and continued in the present or that have a connection with the present.
- It expresses that the action is permanent. (Non-progressive verbs)
- To express that a completed action led to a desired result.

Signal Words:
already, yet, still, just, so far, lately, recently, for, since, never, ever, all my life
How many times? once, twice, 3 times...

Present Perfect Continuous

- It emphasizes DURATION
- It emphasizes continuous course of an action. (How much time is spent?)
- It expresses that the action is temporary.
- To express the action had an unwantedside effect.

Signal Words:
How long? since / for, all (day, week, morning), the whole (day, week, night)

Complete the sentences with the correct present form.

1. A: Can I borrow your calculator?
   B: Sorry, but I _____ (still / use) it.
   A: Ok, it _____ (not matter). I'll ask for it to John.
2. See you in the morning. I _____ (leave) in a minute.
3. I _____ (never / wear) a tie to work and I _____ (refuse) to start now!
4. If you drop it, it will explode! What _____ (you / do)?
5. You are a great cook! This cake _____ (taste) wonderfully.
6. Excuse me, but _____ (this bus / stop) outside the Post Office?
7. Henry _____ (still / not find) a job.
8. I _____ (drive)! You can sit in the back with Martin.
9. How long _____ (you / wait) for the bus? You _____ (look) really annoyed!
10. Ugh, don't show me that picture! I _____ (Can't stand) spiders!
11. Joan _____ (seldom / sit) next to Eve.
12. I've finished my exams so I _____ (lie) on the beach the rest of the summer.
13. Stop doing that! You _____ (be) very silly today, Paul!
14. It's ages since I _____ (not be) to an Indian restaurant. _____ (you / fancy) coming today with me?
15. In winter, what _____ (you / wear)?
16. Why _____ (you / look) at me like that? Have I done something wrong?
17. The coat _____ (not fit) me. I need a larger size.
18. Thanks for this great time. I _____ (have) a lovely evening.
19. This is an exam. Why _____ (you / talk)?
20. I _____ (not decide) about buying a new bike yet. I _____ (think) about it.
21. The dog _____ (dig) all the morning but it _____ (not find) any bones yet.
22. Every Easter my granny _____ (visit) us and my mum and she _____ (argue) angrily all the time.
23. We _____ (walk) the whole day. Let's have a rest.
24. How many books _____ (she / edit) so far?

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