

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**)

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.

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 unwanted side effect.

Signal Words:

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

Present Tense Revision

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?