

REVIEW PRESENT SIMPLE & PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE – STATIVE VERBS

Exercise 1: Fill in with *the present simple* or *the present continuous*.

- 1 A: I *am thinking* (think) about visiting Jane this afternoon.
B: I wouldn't bother. I (think) she's away on holiday.
- 2 A: Mr Jones (have) a telephone message from his wife.
B: Can it wait? He (have) a business meeting and I don't want to disturb him.
- 3 A: The police (still/look) for fingerprints.
B: It (look) as if they won't find the criminal.
- 4 A: Why (you/taste) the soup? Is there anything wrong with it?
B: Yes, it (taste) too sweet. I think you've used sugar instead of salt.
- 5 A: Why (you/feel) the baby's forehead, Mum?
B: I think she's got a temperature. She (feel) rather hot.
- 6 A: I (see) my boss about a pay rise this afternoon.
B: I (see). That's why you're wearing a suit and tie.
- 7 A: Why (you/smell) the inside of your car?
B: Because it (smell) of petrol and I want to check for leaks.

Exercise 2: Put the verbs in brackets into *the present simple* or *the present continuous*.

- Mark: Hi Ann! What 1) *are you doing* (you/do) at the moment?
Ann: Hello Mark! I 2) (try) to finish my project, but my little brother 3)
(keep) interrupting me.
Mark: Oh really?
Ann: Yes, he 4) (always/ask) me to help him with his homework!
I 5) (get) tired of it.
Mark: I see. Look, a few of us 6) (meet) at Café Nora for coffee later.
7) (you/want) to join us?
Ann: Well, my dance class 8) (start) at 8 o'clock. What time 9)
..... (you/go) to the café?
Mark: About 6 o'clock.
Ann: That's great! My class is nearby and I certainly 10) (need) a break. See you at six.

Exercise 3: Complete using the correct form of the words in the box.

be • disagree • do • include • know • look • see • seem • understand

Ancient aviators?

Everyone (1) that humans have been flying for only a few hundred years. But (2) it possible that ancient civilizations also had the ability and technology to fly?

In the Nazcan Desert in southern Peru, there are hundreds of lines which an ancient culture drew in the dust. On the ground, they just (3) like straight lines. But when you (4) them from the air, you (5) exactly what they are. They are incredible and enormous pictures. The pictures (6) animals, birds and symbols.

One bizarre theory, which most mainstream scientists (7) with, is that the people who made the lines thousands and thousands of years ago flew above the lines in balloons. It (8) incredible, but a few people (9) believe it's possible.

Exercise 4: Complete using *the correct present simple or the present continuous* form of the verbs in the box. You may have to use some negative forms.

belong • do • have • help • hold • move • use • watch

- 1 In Monopoly, you around the board, buying houses and hotels.
- 2 you this programme or can I turn the TV off?
- 3 Regular exercise you to stay healthy.
- 4 I my brother's guitar until I get a new one.
- 5 Simon always the washing-up after lunch?
- 6 you any sweaters in a larger size?
- 7 You the kite right. Let me show you.
- 8 Dad to the local astronomy club.