

LESSON 2: PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Exercise 1: Read and choose

1. We **am learning / are learning** English at the moment.
2. Nina **is playing / isn't playing** badminton at present. Her wrist is broken.
3. I **am haveing / am having** problems with my bicycle today.
4. Are you **listening / listenning** to music? Yes, I am.
5. Why **is / am** it raining so hard?
6. Joss **is commiting / is committing** to 3 days at the gym per week.
7. Nina and Vicky **are runing / are running** in the park right now.
8. My family **is eatting / is eating** out tonight.
9. Watch out. The tree **is falling / are falling**.
10. I **am not apologising / amn't apologising** to him. He is so wrong.

Exercise 2: Put the verbs in the **present continuous** form and write the correct usages.

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| a. For actions at the time of speaking | d. For temporary events/states |
| b. For future plans and arrangements | e. For something happens again and again |
| c. For change | |

Sentences	Usages
1. Hazel _____ (take) a shower at the moment.	1_____
2. We _____ (fly) to Vienna on Sunday 10th in the morning.	2_____
3. According to the doctor, Maria _____ (get) better.	3_____
4. I _____ (leave) work now. I'll be home in an hour.	4_____
5. His parents _____ (visit) him from 23 rd to 25 th next week.	5_____
6. George _____ (always complain) about the uniform.	6_____
7. She _____ (work) a lot in Paris now because of the new project.	7_____
8. My parents _____ (walk) in the park at the moment.	8_____
9. Summers _____ (become) warmer and warmer nowadays.	9_____
10. I _____ (stay) at the Hotel Monopol until I find an apartment.	10_____
11. You _____ (always / ask) me silly questions.	11_____
12. She _____ (buy) a new laptop on Thursday.	12_____
13. I don't understand. What _____ (you / do)?	13_____
14. I _____ (read) an interesting novel at present.	14_____
15. He _____ (see) his dentist tomorrow.	15_____

Exercise 3: Put the verbs in the present continuous form.

1. Look! Mary _____ (bring) her little sister to school. How sweet!
2. Mom can't help you right now because she _____ (prepare) dinner.
3. What _____ (the ducks / do)? – I think they _____ (fight).
4. I _____ (save) for a new car which I want to buy as soon as possible.
5. They _____ (build) a new stand at the football ground.
6. _____ (Tom / do) anything right now? – Yes. He _____ (swim) in the pool.
7. A: What time's dinner? B: I _____ (cook) now so it'll be ready in about an hour.
8. She _____ (press) the button but nothing _____ (happen).
9. We _____ (move) to Cambridge in July.
10. Sarah _____ (not take) Rory to football training later. She hasn't got the car tonight.

Exercise 4: Complete the dialogue with the suitable verbs below. Use present continuous.

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Jack: Hi, how are you?

Emily: Hi, I'm fine. What (1) _____ you _____ right now?

Jack: I (2) _____ to do my homework, but it's really noisy in my house.

Emily: Oh, why?

Jack: Dad (3) _____ to the radio and Mum (4) _____ in the kitchen.

Emily: What about your sister? (5) _____ she _____ any noise?

Jack: Yes, she (6) _____ some music in her room.

Emily: That sounds really bad. It's so quiet in my house.

Jack: You're lucky.

Emily: Yes. My parents (7) _____ ready to go out tonight and my baby brother
(8) _____

Jack: That's great! Can I come over to your house to do my homework in peace?

Exercise 5: Stative verbs or Action verbs. Read and choose.

- That can't be right. I _____ you!
A. don't believe B. 'm not believing
- My holiday's next week. I _____ myself on the beach right now!
A. imagine B. 'm imagining
- I've changed the design slightly. What _____?

- A. do you think B. are you thinking
4. She's not answering. _____ her phone with her?
A. Does she have B. Is she having
5. Fifty-three? Are you sure that's the answer, or _____?
A. do you guess B. are you guessing
6. The film's on at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Which _____?
A. do you prefer B. are you preferring
7. Where's Grandad? Oh, he _____ the flowers in the garden.
A. smells B. 's smelling
8. I don't know, but I _____ he'll win the election.
A. doubt B. 'm doubting
9. I'm sorry, I _____.
A. don't understand B. 'm not understanding
10. Sam thinks it's a good idea, and Ben _____.
A. agrees B. 's agreeing
11. I _____ this avocado to see if it's ready to eat.
A. feel B. 'm feeling
12. She _____ the dentist at 4 p.m. today.
A. sees B. 's seeing
13. Do you know what I _____?
A. mean B. 'm meaning

Exercise 6: Read and choose the correct answer.

1. How often _____ you _____ to the park for a picnic?
A. do/ go B. are/ going C. do/ going
2. Jeremy usually _____ to school by bus but today his dad _____ him.
A. goes/ drives B. goes/ is driving C. is going/ drives
3. My sister often _____ in bed but today she is so tired that she _____ anything at all.
A. reads/ isn't reading B. isn't reading/ reads C. reads/ doesn't read
4. My parents never _____ cigarettes in front of us.
A. don't smoke B. are smoking C. smoke
5. Dad _____ TV when he comes home from the office.
A. isn't usually watching B. doesn't usually watch C. usually doesn't watch

6. I _____ to speak English every day but I don't have anyone to practice with.

A. want

B. am wanting

C. am want

7. _____ you Mark's son? You _____ like him.

A. Are / look

B. Am / looking

C. Is/ doesn't look

Exercise 7: Find the mistakes and correct.

Sentence	Mistake	Correction
1. Listen! You are makeing a mistake now.	_____	_____
2. I'm siting on a park bench. It's so dirty.	_____	_____
3. Are you water the flowers in the garden at present?	_____	_____
4. What is Mike and Mark drawing?	_____	_____
5. I lost my keys again. I'm alway losing my keys.	_____	_____
6. They are spending a few days in Stockholm last month.	_____	_____