

LESSON 3: PRESENT SIMPLE & CONTINUOUS

Exercise 1: Choose the correct word or phrase.

1. I **work** / **am working** at the local library for the summer.
2. We **don't go** / **aren't going** to the theatre very often.
3. Stacy **gets** / **is getting** ready for school, so she can't come to the phone.
4. **Does Gary talk** / **Is Gary talking** to his professor now?
5. In squash game, you **hit** / **are hitting** a ball against a wall.
6. I **read** / **am reading** a newspaper at least once a week.
7. **Do you practise** / **Are you practising** the piano for two hours every day?
8. Nadine and Claire **do** / **are doing** quite well at school at the moment.
9. A good friend **knows** / **is knowing** when you're upset about something.
10. **Does the train** / **Is the train** leave at 6 o'clock?

Exercise 2: Put the verbs in the correct **present simple** or **present continuous** form.

1. It often _____ in Ireland. That's why they call it the "Green Island". But it _____ there at the moment. (rain, not rain)
2. Susan _____ an email to her parents nearly every Saturday evening. (write)
3. Where is Jimmy? I think he _____ tennis with his younger brother. (play)
4. Jeremy usually _____ to school by bus but today his dad _____ him. (go, drive)
5. How often _____ to the park for a picnic? (you go)
6. I can't understand him because I _____ any French. (not know)
7. They normally _____ TV on Sundays but today they _____ a nap. (watch, take)
8. My best friend _____ 2 minutes away from the school but he _____ late for school. (live, often be)
9. I _____ of leaving Britain next year. I might go to America. (think)
10. Josh _____ my bike! It's so annoying. (always use)
11. The air _____ strange. There must be something wrong. (smell)
12. Sally _____ with her aunt for a few days. (stay)
13. I _____ absolutely no idea what this movie is about. (have)
14. Everything in this box _____ to my grandfather. (belong)
15. _____ she okay? She _____ upset. (be, look)
16. _____ music up there? It's really noisy! (you play)

Exercise 3: Read and choose the correct answer.

1. The washing machine _____ when you press this button.
 A. is starting B. is starts C. starts
2. _____ Christine _____ to the radio, or is that the TV I can hear?
 A. Does/ listen B. Is/ listening C. Does/ listens
3. Many people _____ spending time on the beach on their holidays.
 A. enjoy B. are enjoying C. enjoys
4. My family _____ at weekends.
 A. don't usually eat out B. doesn't usually eat out C. A & B
5. My friend's dog - Bailey _____ excited when she sees me.
 A. is always B. always is C. A & B
6. I _____ to Thailand with my dad next week.
 A. travel B. am travelling C. am travel
7. What _____ now? I really don't know.
 A. do you want B. are you wanting C. you want

Exercise 4: Find the mistakes and correct.

1. One game I **am loving** is backgammon.
2. You are throwing the dice and then you move your pieces around the board.
3. It is **seeming** quite easy, but in fact you need to be quite careful.
4. When your piece lands on one of the other person's pieces, you are taking it off the board and you send it back to the beginning.
5. You are winning by getting all your pieces to the end and off the board.
6. Some people prefer chess, but I **am not understanding** that game.
7. Right now, I **wait** to have a game with my brother.
8. He **does** his homework. I usually **win**, so I think he doesn't want to play a game with me!

1. <i>am loving</i>	→	<i>love</i>	5.	→
2.	→		6.	→
3.	→		7.	→
4.	→		8.	→

Exercise 5: Make the questions for the underlined words. Number 1 is done for you as an example.

Example: Sam often has cereal for breakfast. → How often does Sam have cereal for breakfast?

1. Mike plays the guitar very well.

→ _____?

2. My teacher is writing some examples on the board.

→ _____?

3. My parents never argue in front of me.

→ _____?

4. Rob goes to school by bus.

→ _____?

5. Sam is doing his homework in his room.

→ _____?

6. I read two books every month.

→ _____?

7. Yes, Sally is writing a letter now.

→ _____?

8. No, my sister doesn't like horror movies.

→ _____?

Exercise 6: Use the words below to fill in the blanks. Use Present Simple or Continuous.

wait look have to shine watch

have write be not like tell

Dear Sara,

I ¹ _____ to you from our hotel. I am on vacation with my family and we ² _____ a great time. The weather ³ _____ great and the sun ⁴ _____. I ⁵ _____ outside my window and I can see a lot of things.

There are some people on the beach sunbathing. There are a few people sailing in the sea.

I ⁶ _____ sailing because I'm scared of water.

At the moment my brother ⁷ _____ television and my mother ⁸ _____

him to get ready because we ⁹ _____ do some sightseeing. My father ¹⁰ _____ for us downstairs, so I will write to you again later in the week.

Have to go now.

Love,

Paula