

## 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 <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to you from our hotel. I am on vacation with my family and we

<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a great time. The weather <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ great and the sun

<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. I <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ sailing because I'm scared of water.

At the moment my brother <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ television and my mother <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

him to get ready because we <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ do some sightseeing. My father

<sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ for us downstairs, so I will write to you again later in the week.

Have to go now.

Love,

Paula