

**PRESENT SIMPLE, PRESENT CONTINUOUS, PAST SIMPLE AND PAST CONTINUOUS**

**EXERCISE 1. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE PRESENT SIMPLE, THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS, THE PAST SIMPLE OR THE PAST CONTINUOUS FORM OF THE VERBS IN BRACKETS.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ learning English? (you/like)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ this programme. (I / not understand)
3. My dad \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to classical music when I \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) home from school.
4. Jim and his father \_\_\_\_\_ (not watch) TV. They're asleep.
5. Tony is upstairs in the bathroom. He \_\_\_\_\_ (wash) his hair at this moment.
6. My cousin \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) his wife, Bianca, while he \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Italy years ago.
7. Why \_\_\_\_\_ (run)? Are we late?
8. There are some strange noises in the sitting room. What \_\_\_\_\_ (Tom / do) right now?
9. What time \_\_\_\_\_ (John / get up) every day?
10. When we \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) school yesterday, it \_\_\_\_\_ (rain).
11. I \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) home at 7:00 o'clock every morning.
12. Fred and I are good dancers but we \_\_\_\_\_ (not / go) to discos very often.
13. When the lesson \_\_\_\_\_ (start)?" "It \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) five minutes ago."
14. What \_\_\_\_\_ (do) Pam? Pam? Oh, she's a doctor.
15. I always \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) in the same hotel in New York.
16. Joanna \_\_\_\_\_ (not / cook) the dinner at the moment.
17. Yesterday, Jane \_\_\_\_\_ (not feel) well so she \_\_\_\_\_ (call) the doctor.
18. Tony \_\_\_\_\_ (work) at the moment. He's on holiday.
19. Why \_\_\_\_\_ (smile)? Because I'm happy.
20. We \_\_\_\_\_ (play) video games when my mum \_\_\_\_\_ (say) 'Turn the volume down!'
21. 'What \_\_\_\_\_ (read)? A letter from my sister.

22. What time \_\_\_\_\_ (get up)? Me? About 7.00 usually.
23. \_\_\_\_\_ (bark) the dogs at midnight last night?
24. My little sister \_\_\_\_\_ (draw) a picture now while I \_\_\_\_\_ (study) for my French exam.
25. How \_\_\_\_\_ (you/go) to work. I usually catch a bus.
26. Excuse me. I think that you \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) in my seat.
27. I \_\_\_\_\_ (switch off) the computer because it \_\_\_\_\_ (make) a strange noise.
28. Don't talk to me now. I \_\_\_\_\_ (write) an important letter.
29. When you \_\_\_\_\_ (see) Paul, he (wear) a black jacket?
30. I \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) playing football because I (break) my leg.

**EXERCISE 2. CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTIONS.**

1. I **LISTENED / WAS LISTENING** to the radio when I **HEARD / WAS HEARING** this fantastic song.
2. Helen is **WEARING / WEARS** blue jeans and a T-shirt today.
3. When the teacher **SAID / WAS SAYING** 'Stop!', I still **TRIED / WAS STILL TRYING** to finish the last question.
4. I feel really silly! While I **DANCED / WAS DANCING**, I **FELL / WAS FALLING** and **BROKE / WAS BREAKING** my elbow.
5. In summer we **ARE GOING / GO** to the beach.
6. Tom and I **WATCH / ARE WATCHING** a good film at the moment.
7. Tim **PLAYED / WAS PLAYING** a computer game when his mum **CALLED / WAS CALLING** him for lunch.
8. I **LOOKED / WAS LOOKING** for a file on my memory stick when I **NOTICED / WAS NOTICING** there was a virus.
9. It **STARTS / IS STARTING** to rain, and we are **WAITING / WAIT** for the bus in the open air.
10. Ron **FOUND / WAS FINDING** a really interesting website about dance music while he **SURFED / WAS SURFING** the internet.
12. The football match **FINISHES / IS FINISHING** and the players are **CELEBRATING / CELEBRATE** their victory.

13. How many pictures **did you take / were you taking** while you **TRAVELLED / WERE TRAVELLING** around Ireland?

14. Why **DID YOU CHAT / WERE YOU CHATTING** to Philip while I **TRIED / WAS TRYING** to tell you something really important?