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)

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