

B1/B2 PRESENT SIMPLE VS. PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Exercise 1: Present Simple vs. Present Continuous

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in brackets (Present Simple or Present Continuous).

He usually (read) _____ a book in the evening.

Right now, she (watch) _____ her favorite TV show.

They (travel) _____ to different countries every summer.

I (work) _____ on a project at the moment.

My sister (play) _____ the piano every Saturday.

Look! The kids (play) _____ in the garden.

We (not/go) _____ to the party tonight.

The sun (shine) _____ brightly today.

He (not/usually/wear) _____ a suit to work.

I (think) _____ about the future a lot lately.

Exercise 2: Present Simple or Present Continuous for Future Plans

Choose the correct tense (Present Simple or Present Continuous) to complete the sentences about future plans.

I (visit) _____ my grandparents next weekend.

She (fly) _____ to Paris for a business meeting tomorrow.

They (have) _____ a party on Friday evening.

We (not/go) _____ to the concert tonight because we have other plans.

He (study) _____ for his final exams next month.

My parents (take) _____ a vacation in July.

Sarah (move) _____ to a new apartment next week.

The company (launch) _____ a new product in the coming months.

I (meet) _____ with my English tutor on Tuesday.

They (attend) _____ a conference in November.

Exercise 3: Writing Exercise

Write a short paragraph (5-6 sentences) about your daily routine, using both the Present Simple and Present Continuous tenses. Describe what you do on a typical day and what you are doing right now (if applicable). Make it longer if you want to challenge yourself.

For example:

"I usually wake up at 7:00 AM. I brush my teeth and have breakfast. Currently, I am writing this exercise. After that, I will go to work."

EXTRA Exercise: Error Analysis on Present Tenses

Read each sentence and identify the error in the use of the present tenses (Present Simple, Present Continuous, or Present Perfect). Then, correct the sentence.

1. I am living in this town for five years.
2. He always is forgetting his keys at home.
3. They have gone to the beach tomorrow.
4. She is knowing how to speak Spanish fluently.
5. We will meet our friends tonight for dinner.
6. I have visited Paris two years ago.
7. The sun rises in the east every morning.
8. At the moment, I am working on this project since last week.
9. They have played soccer yesterday.
10. She often goes to the gym, but she didn't go last weekend.