PRESENT SIMPLE AND PRESENT CONTINUOUS



Present simple

We use the present simple to talk about things that are always true.
*Water **boils** at 100 degrees.*
*Nurses **help** sick people in hospital.*

We use the present simple to talk about things that are permanent or regular.
*Robert **lives** in France.*
*I normally **go** to classes at the university.*

We use words and phrases like *often, normally, sometimes, every day* with the present simple.
*Mary **normally has** breakfast at seven.*
*I **always drive** to work.*

We use the present simple when we talk about opinions and thoughts, using verbs like **hate, know, like, love, need, prefer, remember, think, understand, want**.
*I **like** this song.*
*We **don't know** the answer.*

We use the present simple of **think** when we talk about opinions.
*He **thinks** the film was boring.*

Present continuous

We use the present continuous to talk about things that are in progress now.
*The water **is boiling**. ~ I'll make some tea.*
*I'm sorry. I can't talk at the moment. **I'm helping** my mum in the kitchen.*

We use the present continuous to talk about temporary things that are in progress around now.
*Sarah **is working** in Scotland this week, but she will be here again next week.*
*This week, **I'm revising** for an exam.*

We use time expressions like *now, at the moment, this week, today* with the present continuous.
*We're **having** dinner **at the moment**.*
*Why **are** you **walking** to school **today**?*

We don't normally use the present continuous with verbs of opinion or thought.
~~*I'm liking this song.*~~
~~*We aren't knowing the answer.*~~

We use the present continuous of **think** when we describe an action.
*Please be quiet. **I'm thinking**.*

We can also use the present continuous to talk about the future. See Unit 12.

I. Choose the best answer.

1. A. I ten years old.
   B. I'm ten years old.
   C. I be ten years old.
2. A. My mum is a doctor.
   B. My mum's is a doctor.
   C. My mum am a doctor.
3. A. He's not teacher.
   B. He's isn't a teacher.
4. A. Are you French?
   B. You is French?

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C. He isn't a teacher.

5. A. Are you play the piano?
   B. Do you play the piano?
   C. Does you play the piano?
7. A. They doesn't work at the weekend.
   B. They don't works at the weekend.
   C. They don't work at the weekend.
9. A. When does Rita usually get up?
   B. When does Rita usually gets up?
   C. When do Rita usually gets up?

C. You are French?

6. A. She works in London.
   B. She work in London.
   C. She workes in London.
8. A. Do Rita and Angela live in Manchester?
   B. Does Rita and Angela live in Manchester?
   C. Is Rita and Angela live in Manchester?
10. A. The human body contain 206 bones.
    B. The human body is contain 206 bones.
    C. The human body contains 206 bones.

II. Circle the best answer.

1. Jack ***go / goes*** to a film club on Wednesdays.
2. I ***love / loves*** reading in my free time.
3. They ***don't / doesn't*** usually see each other during the week.
4. The train ***leave / leaves*** at 6.30 every morning.
5. ***Do / Does*** Ollie play chess?
6. Daisy ***like / likes*** most sports.
7. Money ***doesn't / don't*** buy happiness.
8. What ***do / does*** you think of their new album?
9. Mike ***always walks / walks always*** to school.
10. Paul ***drives never / never drives*** to work.
11. We always ***get up / gets up*** at 7 o'clock.
12. Mr. John ***doesn't / don't*** teach Maths. He teaches Art.

III. Put the verbs in brackets in Present Simple tense.

1. Rain _____ (fall) from the clouds.
2. Kangaroos _____ (not/live) in Germany. They _____ (live) in Australia.
3. Yogurt _____ (not/come) from plants. It _____ (come) from milk.
4. Water _____ (boil) at 100°C.
5. Mark _____ (rarely/go) fishing at weekends. He _____ (prefer) reading.
6. _____ (they/live) in Canada?
7. Emma _____ (be) vey busy on Saturdays.
8. I _____ (often/buy) food from farmer's market. The food _____ (be) fresh.

IV. Choose the correct answers.

1. Anna and Lucy _____ with us at the moment.

A. are staying B. stay C. is staying D. staying

2. What _____? – I'm listening to my new MP3 player.

A. do you do B. do you doing C. are you doing D. you doing

3. I _____ my friends in the café after school on Fridays.

A. meet B. am meeting C. meets D. meeting

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4. Look! John _____ his school uniform.

A. isn't wearing B. wearing C. doesn't wear D. aren't wearing

5. I love birthdays. My friends and I often _____ to a restaurant or a disco.

A. are going B. goes C. go D. going

6. At present, I _____ piano lessons.

A. take B. is taking C. am taking D. takes

7. The train _____ at 4 p.m.

A. leaves B. is leaving C. leave D. are leaving

8. Fresh water _____ at 100° Celsius.

A. boil B. boils C. is boiling D. boiling

9. Listen! Your father _____ you.

A. call B. calls C. is calling D. calling

10. How is your cold today? – It _____ a lot better than yesterday.

A. sound B. sounds C. is sounding D. sounding

V. Give the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use present simple or present continuous.

1. Mary _____ (not / love) going fishing with her friends.
2. _____ your mum _____ on Sundays? (work)
3. Be quiet! The cats _____ (sleep) under that table!
4. Shh! My sister _____ (do) her homework right now. Don't make noise!
5. My mum _____ (take) the dog for a walk every day.
6. Elizabeth usually _____ (go) to school by bus.
7. _____ you _____ computer games now? (play)
8. My brother always _____ (listen) to music at nights.
9. My sisters _____ (wash) the dog right now. He's dirty.
10. Look! The baby _____ (walk)!
11. This milk _____ (not / taste) fresh.
12. I hate living in Seattle because it always _____ (rain) there.

VI. Choose the best answer to complete each sentence.

1. She decided to become a _____.

A. music B. musician C. musical D. musically

2. My _____ subject is History.

A. favor B. favorite C. favorable D. favorably

3. Use your _____ and think of something that will work.

A. imagine B. imaginative C. imagination D. imaginatively

4. It will be _____ to see what happens.

A. interest B. interested C. interesting D. interestingly

5. She was _____ with her life in a small town.

A. bored B. boring C. bore D. boredom

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