

## The simple present and the present continuous

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Put the verbs in brackets into the simple present or the present continuous tense.

1 Cuckoos (not build) nests. They (use) the nests of other birds.

2 You can't see Tom now: he (have) a bath.

3 He usually (drink) coffee but today he (drink) tea.

4 What she (do) in the evenings? ~

She usually (play) cards or (watch) TV.

5 I won't go out now as it (rain) and I -(not have) an umbrella.

6 The last train (leave) the station at 11.30.

7 He usually (speak) so quickly that I (not understand) him.

8 Ann (make) a dress for herself at the moment. She (make) all her own clothes.

9 Hardly anyone (wear) a hat nowadays.

10 I'm afraid I've broken one of your coffee cups. —

Don't worry. I (not like) that set anyway.

11 I (wear) my sunglasses today because the sun is very strong.

12 Tom can't have the newspaper now because his aunt (read) it.

13 I'm busy at the moment. I (redecorate) the sitting room.

14 The kettle (boil) now. Shall I make the tea?

15 You (enjoy) yourself or would you like to leave now? -

I (enjoy) myself very much. I (want) to stay to the end.

16 How you (get) to work as a rule? ~

I usually (go) by bus but tomorrow I (go) in Tom's car.

17 Why you (put) on your coat? ~

I (go) for a walk. You (come) with me? -

Yes, I'd love to come. You (mind) if I bring my dog?

18 How much you (owe) him? -

I (owe) him £5. ~

You (intend) to pay him?

19 You (belong) to your local library? -

Yes, I do. -

You (read) a lot? -

Yes, quite a lot. -

How often you (change) your books? —

I (change) one every day.

20 Mary usually (learn) languages very quickly but she (not seem) able to learn modern Greek.

21 I always (buy) lottery tickets but I never (win) anything.

22 You (like) this necklace? I (give) it to my daughter for her birthday tomorrow.

23 I won't tell you my secret unless you (promise) not to tell anyone. -

I (promise).

24 You always (write) with your left hand?

25 You (love) him? -

No, I (like) him very much but I (not love) him.

26 You (dream) at night? -

Yes, I always (dream) and if I (eat) too much supper I (have) nightmares.