

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.