

Put the verb in the present simple or the present progressive.

1. He (live) _____ in the French Alps near the Swiss border.
2. At present they (live) _____ in a very small flat.
3. You can't see Tom now. He (have) _____ a bath.
4. They (like) _____ film but they (not/ go) _____ to the cinema very often.
5. He (not jog) _____ this week because it's too hot outdoors.
6. Paul (have) _____ a doughnut for breakfast every day.
7. Look! The sun (shine) _____ really bright today.
8. The sun always (rise) _____ behind those hills.
9. He usually (drink) _____ coffee but today he (drink) _____ tea.
10. Sandra is tired. She (want) _____ to go home now.
11. What _____ you (do) _____ now? ~ I (watch) _____ TV.
12. Wait a moment. I (listen) _____ to the news.
13. They (always/ come) _____ here to borrow something.
14. What _____ Susan (do) _____ in the evenings? ~ She often (watch) _____ TV and sometimes she (listen) _____ to music.
15. Listen! Somebody (shout) _____. ~ It's Jack. He (continually/ shout) _____ at his children.
16. Angela regularly (take) _____ the bus to school.
17. The kettle (boil) _____. Shall I make tea?
18. Water (boil) _____ at 100 degrees centigrade.
19. I (stay) _____ with my grandmother while my mother goes away.
20. We (celebrate) _____ Halloween every year on October 31.

EXERCISE 2

Fill in the blank spaces with the past simple or the past progressive of the verb in brackets.

1. The children (visit) _____ their grandparents last Sunday.
 2. Alex (make) _____ model aeroplanes from 4pm to midnight yesterday.
 3. While I (go) to school, I (meet) _____ my friend, Kate.
 4. Last night, while Jane (wash) _____ dishes, her brother (sweep) _____ the dinning room.
 5. My grandfather (plant) _____ those trees over fifty years ago.
 6. When I (be) _____ a child, I always (kick) _____ my ball through the windows.
 7. At 12 o'clock yesterday we (lie) _____ on the beach.
 8. Alex (wake) _____ up late yesterday and (miss) _____ the bus.
 9. They (watch) _____ TV when the earthquake (begin) _____.
 10. I was very tired yesterday because I (work) _____ hard all day.
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11. Christ often (go) _____ fishing last summer.
 12. As Ann (clean) _____ her room, she (find) _____ her lost earring.
 13. When I (drop) _____ my cup, the coffee (spill) _____ on my shirt.
 14. At this time last year we (work) _____ in Saudi Arabia. We (live) _____ there for five years before moving to England.
 15. When I (study) _____ at university, I (read) _____ a lot of books.
 16. Miss Brown (teach) _____ us last week because our teacher was ill.
 17. He (teach) _____ at Harvard University in 1985.
 18. My sister (always/ ask) _____ silly questions when she was a child.
 19. My sister and I (watch) _____ the cartoons on TV every Saturday last year.
 20. I (run) _____ to class when I (fall) _____ down the stairs.