

## PRESENT SIMPLE VS PRESENT CONTINUOUS EXERCISES

### 1. Put the verbs into the correct tense (present simple OR present continuous):

The train always \_\_\_\_\_ (1: leave) on time.

"What's the matter? Why \_\_\_\_\_ (2: cry/you)?"

That's strange. They \_\_\_\_\_ (3: not to watch) TV.

He \_\_\_\_\_ (4: not to speak) very good English.

Please be quiet! I \_\_\_\_\_ (5: do) my homework.

Where \_\_\_\_\_ (6: live/they)?

Listen! John \_\_\_\_\_ music! (7: play)

I never \_\_\_\_\_ (8: go) to the swimming pool.

Harold Black's a famous pianist. He \_\_\_\_\_ (9: give) two or three concerts every week. He \_\_\_\_\_ (10: travel) a lot and this week he's in New York. He \_\_\_\_\_ (11: stay) at an expensive hotel. He's at his hotel now. He \_\_\_\_\_ (12: have) his breakfast in the dining-room. He \_\_\_\_\_ (13: drink) a cup of coffee and he \_\_\_\_\_ (14: read) a newspaper. Harold's always very busy. He \_\_\_\_\_ (15: play) the piano regularly. He \_\_\_\_\_ (16: practise) for four hours every day. He \_\_\_\_\_ (17: go) to bed late and he always \_\_\_\_\_ (18: get up) early. But he sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ (19: get) dressed too quickly, and this morning he \_\_\_\_\_ (20: wear) one blue sock and one red one!

### 2. Complete the sentences below using one of the verbs in the box in the correct form. You may use each verb once only.

enjoy	play	work	know	wait	finish
prefer	produce	seem	interview	talk	

1. I always \_\_\_\_\_ tennis on Fridays.
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ his report. He will bring it into the office when it is complete.
3. "My parents phoned me this morning. They \_\_\_\_\_ themselves in

the Seychelles. Champagne every night! In fact, they don't want to leave."

4. We \_\_\_\_\_ to entertain our guests in a local restaurant rather than the canteen. Although it is expensive, we can talk freely there.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ the answer to your problem. Get a new computer.
6. "Where is John?" "In his office \_\_\_\_\_ for an important telephone call."
7. I can't make the meeting tomorrow. I \_\_\_\_\_ the applicants for the sales manager's job.
8. My brother \_\_\_\_\_ for Shink Inc. which makes bathroom fittings.
9. Who \_\_\_\_\_ to Bill? Is it the new secretary?
10. The new contract \_\_\_\_\_ fine to me. However, could you just check it through once more?

### 3. Choose the correct form for each verb.

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1. Marie-Claude isn't a Canadian. I \_\_\_\_\_ she comes from France.  
A. ☒ believe  
B. ? am believing
2. Look! Junko \_\_\_\_\_ into the water.  
A. ? jumps  
B. ? is jumping
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ you're crazy!  
A. ? think  
B. ? am thinking
4. Don't give Jan any cheese. She \_\_\_\_\_ it!  
A. ? hates  
B. ? is hating
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ to Toronto next Thursday. Do you want to come?  
A. ? go  
B. ? am going
6. Once a week, I \_\_\_\_\_ to an art class at the college.  
A. ? go