

Review 1 – PRESENT CONTINUOUS and PRESENT SIMPLE

Practice 1: Complete the sentences with the **present continuous** form of the verbs.

A JENNY: Hi, Zoe! (1) **Are you waiting** (you / wait) for the London train?

ZOE: No, (2) (I / meet) my mother off the train from Bristol.

B MANDY: (3) (this music / disturb) you?

JAMES: No, not at all. (4) (I / enjoy) it.

C TOM: (5) (anyone / use) this room today?

ELLIE: (6) (We / have) a meeting here after lunch, but it's free now.

D NINA: Why (7) (those people / shout)?

FINN: (8) (They / demonstrate) against the new taxes.

E BEN: (9) (you / apply) for university?

CRAIG: (10) (I / think) about it, but I haven't decided yet.

F AVA: (11) (Jane / leave) work early today?

KATE: Yes, (12) (she / fly) to Brussels at five o'clock.

G JOSH: (13) (you / come) to the party on Thursday?

MAX: No, (14) (I / work) late, unfortunately.

Practice 2: Complete the text with the **present simple** form of the verbs.

What is an eclipse?

A solar eclipse (1) **happens** (happen) when the moon
(2) (pass) in front of the sun. This only
(3) (take) place when there is a new moon.
It (4) (last) for up to 7.5 minutes.

During a solar eclipse, it is dark. The birds (5)
(not sing), and animals (6) (keep) still and quiet.
A solar eclipse (7) (not happen) very often, and most
people (8) (enjoy) seeing one. However, it's important not
to look straight at the sun. If you (9) (not remember) this,
you can damage your eyes.

A lunar eclipse (10) (occur) when the earth's shadow
(11) (fall) on the moon. The moon (12)
(look) dim until it (13) (come) out from the shadow.



Practice 3: Complete the description using the correct **present continuous** form of the verbs in the box. **Sometimes you need the negative.** Use some of the verbs more than once.

enjoy hang lie look stay sit turn wear



The Bellelli Family by Edgar Degas

This is a painting of two sisters, Giulia and Giovanna, with their mother, Laura, and father, Gennaro. Gennaro (1) **is sitting** in an armchair by a desk. He (2) towards his family. Laura and Giulia (3) at something behind Gennaro, but Giovanna (4) out of the picture towards the artist. Giulia (5) on a chair with one foot on the floor. Both the girls look rather serious. Perhaps they (6) very still for the artist and they (7) that! The girls and their mother all have black dresses and the girls (8) white aprons, but their mother (9) an apron. In the room we can see a picture which (10) on the wall behind Laura and some papers which (11) on the desk.



Practice 4: Complete the questions with the present simple form of the verbs.

- 1 Which day of the week **do you go** On Thursdays.
- 2 What time (the bank / shut)? I think it's five o'clock on weekdays.
- 3 (your flat / have) air conditioning? Yes, we really need it in summer.
- 4 How often (you / see) your brother? Nearly every weekend.
- 5 Why (you / not / drive) to work every day? Because the traffic's so bad, it's quicker by bike.
- 6 Where (your sister / keep) her phone charger? On that shelf beside the TV.
- 7 (you / not / want) a cup of coffee? You look tired. No, I'm OK thanks.
- 8 How many hours (you / work) in a week? About thirty-five, usually.
- 9 How long (you / spend) at the gym? At least one hour most evenings.
- 10 (the souvenir shop / not / sell) stamps? No, only postcards.



Practice 5: Choose the correct alternative.

From: Pedro Martinez pm3@rygl.com
To: Kai Muller
Subject: Hi from Canada

Hi Kai

(1) I'm having / I have a great time here in Canada. My MSc course (2) isn't starting / doesn't start until next month, at the beginning of September, so (3) I'm making / I make use of the time to get to know the place. (4) I'm staying / I stay near Vancouver with Ryan, my Canadian cousin. He and his brother Liam (5) are owning / own a software business.

In the evenings (6) we're driving / we drive into the city and go clubbing or see a movie. (7) I'm making / I make a lot of new friends. (8) I'm thinking / I think my pronunciation is much better already, and (9) I'm understanding / I understand almost everything. On weekdays (10) I'm helping / I help Liam. At the moment (11) he's working / he works on their new website and (12) he's needing / he needs help with it. (13) I'm learning / I learn some useful stuff about how people (14) are doing / do business in this country.

(15) Do you come / Are you coming to see me? (16) I'm spending / I spend the winter holiday skiing with Ryan and Liam. (17) They're wanting / They want to meet you and there's plenty of space. You must bring lots of warm clothes because (18) it's getting / it gets really cold here in the winter. Let me know as soon as (19) you're deciding / you decide. And tell me what (20) you're doing / you do these days.

See you in December, I hope.

Pedro



Practice 6: Put the verbs into the correct form: *present continuous* or *present simple*.

Tony Hunt, a journalist, is interviewing Leila Markham, an environmental scientist.

TONY: So tell me, Leila, why is it important to save the rainforests?

LEILA: There are so many reasons. One reason is that lots of the plants which (1) grow (grow) in the rainforest could be useful in medicine.

We (2) (not / know) all the plants, but there are tens of thousands of them. Chemists and doctors (3) (try) to discover their secrets before they are destroyed.

TONY: I see. What other reasons are there?

LEILA: Well, scientists (4) (believe) that the rainforests (5) (have) an influence on the world's weather systems and this (6) (help) to slow down global warming. But, unfortunately, these days the forests (7) (disappear) at a terrifying rate and we (8) (not / do) enough to save them.



TONY: What is the main danger of global warming, in your opinion?

LEILA: The polar regions (9) (consist) of millions of tons of ice. If they (10) (melt), the level of the sea will rise and cause terrible floods. Most scientists (11) (agree) that global temperatures (12) (already / rise). We must do everything we can to prevent global warming, and that includes preserving the rainforests!



TONY: Thank you, Leila, and good luck in your campaign.

LEILA: Thank you.



Practice 7: Tick (✓) the sentences which are correct. In some pairs, one sentence is correct.

In the other pairs, both sentences are correct.

- 1 What do you think of my hair? ✓
- 2 You look great today!
- 3 Do you enjoy your meal?
- 4 I think of selling my car.
- 5 Where do you live?
- 6 I don't believe his story.
- 7 The students seem tired today.
- 8 He weighs 80 kilos.
- 9 How often do you play tennis?
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