PRESENT TENSES REVISION

PRESENT SIMPLE (V/Vs/es)

- daily routines;
- repeated actions;
- habits;
- reviews/sports commentaries/dramatic narrative;
- timetables/programmes (future meaning);
- exclamatory sentences;
- permanent states.

Time expressions: *every hour/ day/ week/ month/ summer/ year, every morning/evening, etc.*

PRESENT CONTINUOUS (am/is/are Ving)

- actions happening now, at the moment of speaking;
- actions happening around the time of speaking;
- fixed arrangements in the near future, especially when we know the time and the place;
- temporary situations;
- changing or developing situations;
- frequently repeated actions with **always**, **constantly**, **continually** expressing annoyance or criticism.

Time expressions: *now, at the moment, at present, nowadays, these days, today, tomorrow, next month, etc.*

PRESENT PERFECT (have/has Ved/3)

- actions which started in the past and continue up to the present usually with the verbs **know**, **be**, **have**, **possess**, **own**;
- to talk about a past action which has a visible result in the present;
- actions which happened at an unstated time in the past. The action is more important than the time;
- recently completed actions;
- personal experiences/changes which have happened.

Time expressions: *just, already, yet, for, since, ever, never, etc.*

PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS (have/has been Ving)

- to emphasise the duration of an action which started in the past and continues up to the present.

Time expressions: *since, for, how long.*

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct present form.

1. A: What ..... (you/do)?
   B: I ..... (taste) the soup to see if it's OK.
2. A: A: The room ..... (smell) awful.
   B: Why ..... (not/you/open) the window?
3. A: ..... (you/like) tennis?
   B: Yes, I ..... (be) a member of the local club for years.
4. A: The weather ..... (get) colder since last Monday.
   B: I ..... (know). It ..... (get) colder and colder as the days go by.
5. A: What ..... (you/do) for your holidays this summer?
   B: We ..... (think) of going to Spain for a week.
6. A: Why are you in such a hurry?
   B: Because the film ..... (start) at 7 o'clock.
7. A: ..... (you/read) the new Harry Potter book yet?
   B: I ..... (read) it now actually.
8. A: My friend ..... (forget) to buy me something for my birthday.
   B: Never mind.
9. A: How long ..... (he/know) Mary?
   B: Since they met at university.
10. A: ..... (you/do) anything interesting this evening?
11. B: No, I ..... (not/think) so. I ..... (stay) in. ..... (you/go) out?
12. A: When ..... (the parade/start)?
    B: It ..... (start) at 10 o'clock so we ..... (meet) at 10:30.
13. A: Tom ..... (look) tired. ..... (he/have) a tough time?
    B: Yes, and he ..... (think) of taking a week off.
14. A: ..... (you/ever/attend) a music festival?
    B: Actually, I ..... (go) to the U2 concert this Saturday.
15. A: You look exhausted. What ..... (you/do)?
    B: I ..... (dig) in the garden since morning.
16. A: Why ..... (you/smell) the candy floss?
    B: It ..... (smell) nice and it ..... (remind) me of when I was young.

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