

ASSIGNMENT 2 – PRESENT SIMPLE and PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Practice 1: Complete the text with the **present simple** or **present continuous** of the verbs in brackets.

Hi, I'm Lucy. I'm twelve years old and I live (live) with my family in Manchester.

At the weekend I normally ¹_____ (do) a lot of things. On Saturday mornings I ²_____ (play) hockey. In the afternoon, I normally ³_____ (meet) my friends and ⁴_____ (go) to the shops. On Sundays, I ⁵_____ (visit) my grandparents and ⁶_____ (do) my homework.

But this weekend is different. I ⁷_____ (stay) with my friend Ellie in London. Right now, we ⁸_____ (sit) in a café near Tower Bridge and I ⁹_____ (write) this blog. Ellie ¹⁰_____ (eat) a strawberry ice cream, and I ¹¹_____ (have) a chocolate cake.

London is fantastic. I ¹²_____ (love) it!

Practice 2: Complete the text with the **present simple** or **present continuous** of the verbs in brackets.

- Mary _____ to yoga classes on Monday evenings. (go)
- '_____?' 'No. Let's play tennis.' (it/rain)
- Elephants _____ for 50 or 60 years. (live)
- 'Can I speak to Jack, please?' 'I'm sorry. _____ with his grandparents. He will be back tomorrow.' (He/stay)
- 'Are you OK?' 'No, I'm not. _____ a very bad day.' (I/have)
- 'How often _____ her room?' 'Every week.' (she/tidy)
- Lucy's a vegetarian. _____ meat. (she/not eat)
- 'Why _____ the bus?' 'My bike's got a puncture.' (you/take)
- This is very funny but nobody _____. (laugh)
- '_____ glasses?' 'Yes. When I watch TV.' (you/wear)

Practice 3: Select the correct option.



- 1 Josh loves / is loving sport. He ¹plays / ²'s playing basketball and he ³plays / ⁴'s playing football. Right now he ⁵plays / ⁶'s playing football.



- 2 My dad's a teacher. He ¹teaches / ²'s teaching Science. Today's Saturday. He ³doesn't teach / ⁴isn't teaching now – he ⁵reads / ⁶'s reading the newspaper.



- 3 I ¹like / ²'m liking reading. I ³read / ⁴'m reading a lot of books. I ⁵don't read / ⁶'m not reading at the moment. I ⁷watch / ⁸'m watching TV.



Practice 4: Write sentences and questions with the cues.

► Ben / have / a big breakfast every day.

Ben has a big breakfast every day.

1 Sssh! The baby / sleep!

2 you / do / your homework at the moment?

3 I / not like / bananas.

4 We / live / at number 23.

5 the sun / shine / now?

6 We / have / lunch at 12.30 every day.

7 Jean / not / go / to school on Wednesday afternoons.

8 It / not rain / now.

Practice 5: Look at the photo and complete the text with the correct tense of the verbs in the box.

not like run shout stand wear
study take wear go not smile



This is a photo of my family. My sister Jenny 's wearing a long skirt and a pink top. She's a student – she ¹ _____ to London university and she ² _____ History.

I ³ _____ next to my brother Harry. He ⁴ _____ a red T-shirt and he ⁵ _____ – he ⁶ _____ being in photos.

My mum ⁷ _____ 'Hurry up!' at my dad – and he ⁸ _____ into the picture. My dad ⁹ _____ terrible photos!

Practice 6: Complete the dialogue with the correct tense of the verbs.

Kate Do you remember (remember) my friend, Maria?

Polly Yes. She ¹ _____ (live) in Spain, doesn't she?

Kate Normally, but at the moment she ² _____ (live) in China.

Polly Why is she in China?

Kate Her parents ³ _____ (spend) a year there. They ⁴ _____ (teach) at a university.

Polly ⁵ _____ she _____ (like) it?

Kate At first it was difficult but now she ⁶ _____ (enjoy) it. She ⁷ _____ (say) it's very different from Europe.

Polly ⁸ _____ she _____ (learn) Chinese?

Kate Yes. She ⁹ _____ (go) to Chinese classes every day after school. She ¹⁰ _____ (understand) a lot, but speaking is more difficult. In fact, she ¹¹ _____ (think) about studying Chinese at university, when she goes back to Spain.

Polly What about the food? ¹² _____ she _____ (like) it?

Kate Yes, she ¹³ _____ (love) it. Spanish people like seafood and I ¹⁴ _____ (think) Chinese people eat a lot of seafood too.



Practice 7: Complete the sentences with the **present simple or present continuous** of the verbs in brackets.



Hello!

I'm writing (write) to you from my tent. It's our annual family summer holiday - and the weather's terrible! Right now, it ¹ _____ (rain) and the wind ² _____ (blow). It feels like winter. What's the weather like with you today?

We ³ _____ (stay) in a field near the mountains. We ⁴ _____ (come) here every year. I ⁵ _____ (not know) why I really ⁶ _____ (not like) camping. My things always ⁷ _____ (get) wet and dirty. I ⁸ _____ (want) to stay in a big hotel by the sea in a hot country!

What about you? ⁹ _____ (you / like) camping? ¹⁰ _____ (you / have) a holiday every year? Where ¹¹ _____ (you / go)?

I hope the rain stops soon. This afternoon we ¹² _____ (take) a boat out on the lake.

See you soon.

Toby

P.S. I ¹³ _____ (come) home at the weekend. How about you? ¹⁴ _____ (you / have) any plans for the weekend?

Practice 8: Complete the text with the correct tense of the verbs in brackets.



Katy Dixon is a famous scientist. She works at a university in London. She is a vulcanologist. That means that she ¹ _____ (study) the science of volcanoes. She ² _____ (spend) most of the time at the university. She ³ _____ (do) experiments in a laboratory, and she also ⁴ _____ (teach) students. But sometimes she ⁵ _____ (travel) to interesting places in the world and ⁶ _____ (explore) real volcanoes.

This week, Katy ⁷ _____ (visit) South America. She ⁸ _____ (make) a programme for television. Today they ⁹ _____ (film) an 'active' volcano. Active volcanoes sometimes ¹⁰ _____ (erupt), so she has to be careful. At the moment, Katy ¹¹ _____ (sit) at the top of the volcano and ¹² _____ (talk) about lava. She ¹³ _____ (have) a fantastic time. She ¹⁴ _____ (think) it is the best job in the world!

Practice 9: Complete the sentences with the **present simple or present continuous** of the verbs in brackets.

- Look at the students! They (run) ----- really fast!
- Tanya and her sister (stay) ----- with us today.
- You can't play on the computer because Dad (use) ----- it.
- Our teacher (usually, not give) ----- us much homework.
- Leo (listen) ----- to the radio.
- Carla (like) ----- salad but she (not eat) ----- it in winter.
- Molly (usually, have) ----- some bread for breakfast but today she (have) ----- a bowl of soup.



8. My brother (always, borrow) ----- my CDs without asking!
9. People in China (never, eat) ----- with a knife and fork.
10. The waitress (always, bring) ----- the bill immediately.
11. Jamie's on the phone. He (talk) ----- to Eric.
12. My mother (rarely, make) ----- a birthday cake.
13. How often (your family, come) ----- here to visit you?
14. It (not snow) ----- here in summer.
15. What (you, take) ----- a photo of? There (be) ----- nothing to see here at the moment.
16. Carla's in the kitchen. She (bake) ----- some cookies for her mother.
17. (you, look) ----- anything special? - Yes, I (want) ----- to buy a present for my cousin.
18. (your brother, always, do) ----- a lot of exercise? - Yes, he (train) ----- to be an athlete at the moment.
19. I (meet) ----- Jamie this evening. – Jamie? I (not know) ----- him.
20. I (not feel) ----- well now. – (you, have) ----- a stomachache?

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