

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.

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

Practice 3: Select the correct option.



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



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



3 I ⁷like / 'm liking reading. I ⁸read / 'm reading a lot of books. I ⁹don't read / 'm not reading at the moment. I ¹⁰watch / '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 ¹ is wearing a long skirt and a pink top. She's a student — she ² is going to London university and she ³ isn't History.

I ⁴ am next to my brother Harry. He ⁵ is wearing a red T-shirt and he ⁶ isn't — he ⁷ isn't being in photos.

My mum ⁸ is shouting 'Hurry up!' at my dad — and he ⁹ isn't into the picture. My dad ¹⁰ isn't 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 lives (live) in Spain, doesn't she?

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

Polly Why is she in China?

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

Polly ⁵ Does she ⁶ like (like) it?

Kate At first it was difficult but now she ⁷ enjoys (enjoy) it. She ⁸ says (say) it's very different from Europe.

Polly ⁹ Does she ¹⁰ learn (learn) Chinese?

Kate Yes. She ¹¹ goes (go) to Chinese classes every day after school. She ¹² understands (understand) a lot, but speaking is more difficult. In fact, she ¹³ thinks (think) about studying Chinese at university, when she goes back to Spain.

Polly What about the food? ¹⁴ Does she ¹⁵ like (like) it?

Kate Yes, she ¹⁶ loves (love) it. Spanish people like seafood and I ¹⁷ think (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 9: Complete the sentences with the **present simple or present continuous** of the verbs in brackets.

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

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!



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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