

Present Continuous vs Present Simple – Practice

1. Choose the correct forms.

- a) The Earth *has* / *is having* a population of 6.7 billion people.
- b) The climate of the Earth *becomes* / *is becoming* warmer at the moment.
- c) As you move towards the equator, the temperature *becomes* / *is becoming* warmer.
- d) You live in France now but where *do you come* / *are you coming* from originally?
- e) My family *lives* / *is living* in Nigeria for two years. After that we'll move to Alaska.
- f) Sorry, I can't hear you because I *stand* / *'m standing* on the platform at the train station.
- g) The train *comes* / *is coming* into the station now. I'll be home in ten minutes.
- h) This car never *starts* / *is never starting* in the winter.
- i) How often *do you take* / *are you taking* a holiday?
- j) *Do you understand* / *Are you understanding* what I'm saying?

2. Complete the article about an internet businessman. Use the present simple or present continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

A day in the life of Simon Nixon of www.moneysupermarket.com

I normally ¹ (get up) at seven o'clock, but this week I ² (start) work earlier because it's a busy period. I ³ (usually arrive) at work by nine and I ⁴ (check) my emails. Today, I ⁵ (work) on reports on our websites, because these tell me how many people

⁶ (currently visit) our websites. For example, we ⁷ (have) about six million visitors every month and this number ⁸ (increase). We ⁹ (also make) a lot of improvements to our sites at the moment. The internet business is very competitive and it ¹⁰ (get) harder to stay at the top.

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