

PRESENT SIMPLE versus PRESENT CONTINUOUS

We use **Present Simple** for:

* things in general or things that happen repeatedly;

e.g. (+) *Water **boils** at 100° Celsius.*
 (-) *It **doesn't rain** very much in summer.*
 (?) *What **do** you usually **do** at weekends?*

* a permanent situation;

e.g. (+) *My parents **live** in London.*
 (-) *He is lazy. He **doesn't work** very hard most of the time.*
 (?) *What subjects **do** you **learn** at school?*

We use **Present Continuous** for:

* something that is happening at or around the moment of speaking (the action is not finished);

e.g. (+) *The water **is boiling**. Can you turn it off?*
 (-) *Let's go out. It **isn't raining** now.*
 (?) *What **are you doing** in the kitchen, dad?*

* a temporary situation;

e.g. (+) *I **am living** with some friends until I find a flat.*
 (-) *"You **are working** very hard today." "Yes, I've got a lot to do."*
 (?) *"What **are you learning**?" "Maths."*

Choose the correct answer:

1. Every day he a bottle of beer.

- a) is drinking
- b) drinks
- c) drink
- d) are drinking



2. She a good novel at present.

- a) read
- b) reads
- c) is reading
- d) are reading



3. He a sandwich now.

- a) eats
- b) are eating
- c) eat
- d) is eating



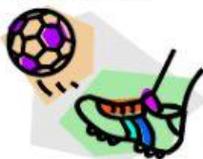
4. They usually a party on Saturdays.

- a) are having
- b) have
- c) has
- d) is having



5. Fred usually football on Sunday morning.

- a) plays
- b) are playing
- c) is playing
- d) play



6. Margaret tennis at the moment.

- a) plays
- b) are playing
- c) is playing
- d) play



7. He has so much money that he a new car every year.

- a) buy
- b) are buying
- c) is buying
- d) buys



8. I to school every weekday.

- a) go
- b) am going
- c) goes
- d) is going



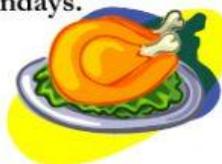
9. "Where are you going?" "I..... to school."

- a) go
- b) am going
- c) are going
- d) goes



10. We often a roast chicken on Sundays.

- a) eat
- b) is eating
- c) are eating
- d) eats



11. We pizza right now.

- a) eat
- b) is eating
- c) are eating
- d) eats



12. She a coffee at the moment.

- a) have
- b) is having
- c) are having
- d) has



13. They always their presents under the Christmas tree.

- a) find
- b) finds
- c) are finding
- d) is finding



14. It very often in this country.

- a) rain
- b) is raining
- c) rains
- d) are raining



15. I

- a) don't smoke
- b) am not smoking
- c) doesn't smoke
- d) don't smokes



16. In her free time she.....
books.

- a) read
- b) reads
- c) is reading
- d) are reading



17. We often fruit
and vegetables.

- a) are buying
- b) buys
- c) is buying
- d) buy



18. I a shower
every day.

- a) have
- b) am having
- c) has
- d) is having



19. He often
TV in the evening.

- a) watch
- b) is watching
- c) are watching
- d) watches



20. "David, what you
.....?" "I am
reading a book."

- a) do/do
- b) are/doing
- c) are /do
- d) does/doing



21. They usually ten miles
every day.

- a) are cycling
- b) cycle
- c) cycles
- d) is cycling



22. It very often in
winter.

- a) is snowing
- b) snow
- c) are snowing
- d) snows



23. she often juice for
breakfast?

- a) Does/drink
- b) Is/drinking
- c) Do/drinks
- d) Is/drinks



24. The children usually
.... snowmen in winter.

- a) makes
- b) are making
- c) make
- d) is making



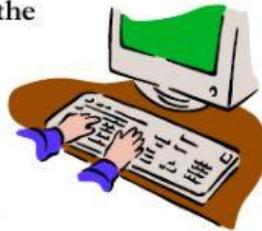
25. I never letters in my
office.

- a) type
- b) is typing
- c) am typing
- d) types



26. I all the
letters at the
moment.

- a) type
- b) am typing
- c) is typing
- d) types



27. We usually coffee after
dinner.

- a) have
- b) is having
- c) are having
- d) has



28. On Sundays he usually
at 11 o'clock.

- a) get up
- b) gets up
- c) are getting up
- d) is getting up



29. I often
to the radio.

- a) listens
- b) listen
- c) is listening
- d) are listening



30. We always
tennis at six.

- a) plays
- b) play
- c) are playing
- d) is playing



31. The weather is fantastic! It's
warm and the sun Let's
have a picnic!

- a) shines
- b) shine
- c) is shining
- d) are shining



32. I often
milk before
going to bed.

- a) drink
- b) drinks
- c) am drinking
- d) are drinking



33. Shhh! Be quiet. The
baby..... .

- a) sleeps
- b) are sleeping
- c) is sleeping
- d) sleep



34. They never chess on
Sundays.

- a) are playing
- b) is playing
- c) play
- d) plays



35. They
a party just now.

- a) have
- b) are having
- c) has
- d) is having



36. I always..... breakfast in
the morning.

- a) have
- b) has
- c) am having
- d) are having



37. He his dog for a walk 3
times a day.

- a) are taking
- b) is taking
- c) take
- d) takes



38. I rarely junk
food.

- a) is eating
- b) am eating
- c) eat
- d) eats



39. My ballet lessons at
5 o'clock every day.

- a) start
- b) starts
- c) is starting
- d) are starting



