

Present Simple vs. Present Progressive

A. Put the verbs into the correct tense (simple present or present progressive).

1. Look! He _____ (leave) the house.
2. Quiet please! I _____ (write) a test.
3. She usually _____ (walk) to school.
4. But look! Today she _____ (go) by bike.
5. Every Sunday we _____ (go) to see my grandparents.
6. He often _____ (go) to the cinema.
7. We _____ (play) Monopoly at the moment.
8. The child _____ (cry).
9. I _____ (not / do) anything at the moment.
10. _____ (watch / he) the news regularly?

B. Complete the story. Use Simple Present and Present Progressive.

1. It _____ (be) early in the morning.
2. Sally _____ (get) out of bed, _____ (open) the window and _____ (go) into the bathroom.
3. Then she _____ (have) breakfast.
4. After breakfast, Sally usually _____ (cycle) to school.

5. After school, she _____ (go) back home.
6. Sally usually _____ (eat) her lunch at home.
7. In the afternoons, she first _____ (do) her homework and then she _____ (meet) her friends in the park.
8. What _____ (do / she) now?
9. She _____ (play) the guitar.
10. Her friends _____ (listen) and some of them _____ (sing) along.
11. When Sally _____ (come) home in the evening, she _____ (have) dinner and then she (watch) TV.
12. She _____ (go) to bed at about 8 o'clock every day.

C. Look at the picture and complete the sentences (Simple Present or Present Progressive).

1. This _____ (be) Marc.
2. He _____ (wear) a t-shirt and shorts today.
3. He _____ (eat) an apple at the moment.
4. Marc _____ (like) fruits and vegetables.
5. He _____ (eat) some every day.
6. Marc _____ (know) that apples _____ (be) good for his health.





1. This _____ (be) Caroline.
2. Caroline _____ (have) long blond hair.
3. She usually _____ (wear) glasses, but now she _____ (wear) contact lenses.
4. Caroline _____ (like) sports.
5. She _____ (play) handball every Monday and Thursday.



1. Joe and Dennis _____ (be) best friends.
2. They often _____ (meet) in the afternoon.
3. What _____ (do / they) at the moment?
4. They _____ (play) soccer.
5. They _____ (love) soccer.
6. Joe _____ (practice) with his father every weekend, but Dennis _____ (not / play) football very often.

1. These _____ (be) Linda and Jeff.
2. Linda _____ (be) Jeff's little sister.
3. At the moment, the two kids _____ (sit) on the floor.
4. Jeff _____ (hold) a book right now, he _____ (read) a story to Linda.



5. Look! Linda _____ (listen) carefully and she _____ (look) at the beautiful pictures.
6. Linda _____ (love) Jeff's stories.
7. He _____ (read) a story to her every day.
8. Jeff sometimes even _____ (write) his own stories.

D. Create questions from the Letter C exercises. Use Simple Present and Present Progressive accordingly.

Remember the general formula to create/express questions:

WH + auxiliary/verb to be + subject + main verb (s) + complement (signal words*) + ?

1. _____ ?

This is Marc.

2. _____ ?

He is wearing a t-shirt and shorts today.

3. _____ ?

He is eating an apple at the moment.

4. _____ ?

Yes, he does. Marc likes fruits and vegetables.

5. _____ ?

He eats some fruits and vegetables every day.

6. _____ ?

Yes, he does. Marc knows that apples are good for his health.





7. _____?

This is Caroline.

8. _____?

Caroline has long blond hair.

9. _____?

No, she isn't. She usually wears glasses, BUT NOW she is wearing contact lenses.

10. _____?

No, she doesn't. Caroline likes sports. (When the answer is no, remember to ask in the question the opposite of something different from the answer).

11. _____?

She plays handball every Monday and Thursday.



12. _____?

Yes, they are. Joe and Dennis are best friends.

12. _____?

They often meet in the afternoons.

13. _____?

At the moment, they are playing soccer.

14. _____?

Yes, they do. They love football. (Football European)-soccer (American).

15. _____?

Joe practices with his father every weekend, but Dennis doesn't play football very often.

16. _____?

These are Linda and Jeff. (These: estos-ellos, This: este-él/ella).

17. _____?

Linda is Jeff's little sister.

18. _____?

At the moment, the two kids are sitting on the floor.

19. _____?

Jeff is holding a book right now. He is reading a story to Linda.



20. _____?

Linda is listening carefully and she is looking at the beautiful pictures.

21. _____?

Yes, she does. Linda loves Jeff's stories.

22. _____?

He reads a story to her every day.

23. _____?

Yes, he does. Jeff sometimes writes his own stories.