

## PRESENT SIMPLE – PRESENT CONTINUOUS

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I. Put the verbs in brackets into the appropriate form of the Present Simple or Present Continuous Tense.



Tom is an athlete. Every morning he ..... /run/ ten laps round the park.

1. It usually ..... /rain/ at this time of the year but today the sun  
..... /shine/ brightly.
2. I ..... /see/ my dentist tonight.
3. What ..... you ..... /prepare/ for dinner? It smells delicious.
4. Diane, you really should cut on sweets. You ..... /get/ fatter every time we meet.
5. This hat ..... /not suit/ the dress I've just bought.
6. My sister ..... /like/ English a lot but she ..... /not enjoy/ Maths  
and Chemistry.
7. Who ..... /drive/ that Mercedes that's parked outside?
8. I really ..... /not think/ that wall colour is the biggest problem now!
9. I'm afraid you can't see Rebecca now. She ..... /have/ lunch with her fiance.
10. The light from the Sun ..... /take/ about eight and a half minutes to reach the Earth.
11. This week we ..... /send/ all the mail by couriers because the Post Office  
is on strike.
12. John ..... /not come/ here tonight. He ..... /work/ all night.
13. Now you can be sure that summer is near. It ..... /get/ hotter and hotter  
every day.
14. My sister never ..... /clean/ her bedroom, in fact she .....  
..... /hardly/ do/ any housework.

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15. A/ What ..... your brother-in-law ..... /do/ for the living?  
B/ Oh, this and that, you know, he ..... /not have/ any permanent job.
16. We ..... /move/ house next week and the removal company  
..... /come/ at 5 o'clock this afternoon.
17. A/ Why ..... you ..... /taste/ the stew?  
B/ To see if it ..... /need/ any spices.
18. A/ Jake ..... /seem/ to be rather nervous.  
B/ Well, he ..... /appear/ in the evening TV news, that's why.
19. We haven't made any serious plans for the summer holidays, but we .....  
..... /think/ to visit Majorca this year.
20. Louise, why ..... you always ..... /leave/ your dirty coffee  
mug on my desk? It's really irritating.
21. Life is so difficult! Unemployment rate ..... /get/ higher, prices  
..... /get/ higher, everything ..... /get/ higher, only our  
salaries are still the same!
22. Brenda is away this week. She ..... /do/ a nursing course in Coventry.
23. Let's go over there! They ..... /feed/ the seals.
24. My Indian friend Vishnu ..... /think/ it is wrong to eat meat.
25. .... you ..... /know/ who this watch .....  
/belong/ to?
26. Joan is downstairs in the kitchen. She ..... /have/ breakfast.
27. A/ What ..... your mother ..... /do/ now?  
B/ The thing that she really ..... /hate/ - she ..... /iron/ clothes.
28. My husband's sense of direction is not very good. Actually he ..... /get/  
lost very easily.
29. Our old refrigerator has broken down completely and we ..... /look for/  
a new one.
30. Mary ..... /do/ the shopping and she'll be back in about half an hour.
31. I am not at all a religious person and I ..... /not believe/  
in reincarnation, ghosts or life after death.
32. This is a historic moment. The President's car ..... /just arrive/  
in front of the palace.

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33. This is only a temporary job. I ..... /help/ in the restaurant until they find a new chef.
34. I'm so excited! Lorna ..... /come/ round to see us tonight.
35. Excuse me, what time ..... /the train/ to Manchester ..... /leave/?
36. This new game is sensational – as soon as you ..... /finish/ a level, you ..... /get/ something completely different to do.
37. The midnight sun phenomenon is amazing! Just imagine the sun .....  
..... /not set/ for six months!
38. I often ..... /walk/ to work when the weather is fine.
39. Public transport ..... /become/ more and more expensive nowadays.