

SIMPLE PRESENT VS PRESENT PROGRESSIVE

TASK A. Complete the sentences with SIMPLE PRESENT or PRESENT PROGRESSIVE:

1. Susan usually (go) to school by bus, but now she (go) to school by train.
2. Mary often (read) in bed, but today she is very tired and she (not / read).
3. The boys usually (ride) their bikes to school. They (like / ride) their bikes. They (be) very naughty boys. They always (go) to school late. Today their teacher (be) very angry, because they (be) late again.
4. Mary (like / eat) sweets. Every morning she (drink) coffee with a lot of sweets and chocolate. For lunch she and her friends often (eat) sweets or ice-cream. She (not / like / eat) fruit or vegetables. She (eat / never) eggs or cheese. Today she (be) sick. She (sleep) in her room now.

TASK B. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense. Use SIMPLE PRESENT OR PRESENT PROGRESSIVE

Mike (work) as a zoo keeper. Every day he (get) up at five o'clock and (go) to work.
 He always (start) his day by saying hello to an old gorilla called BouBou. But BouBou (visit) a vet this morning.
 Today Mike (take) care of a small giraffe baby. Now he (feed) it. The giraffe often (stand) on Mike's feet.
 Mike (love) his work.
 He says, 'I (do) something different every day!'

TASK C. Read the paragraph and answer the questions

Brian is a doctor. He looks after sick people. He usually gets up at 6:00 o'clock. Today he is late, it is 6:30 and he is still in bed. He usually goes to work by train but today he is driving to work. He arrives at work at 6:30 every morning but it is 7:30 now and he is still driving. It's 12:00 o'clock now. He always has lunch at 12:00 but today he isn't having lunch at 12:00, he is looking after his sick patients. It is half past seven now, Brian is watching TV. He usually watches TV at half past seven because his favorite program starts at that hour. Brian eats dinner at 8:30 every day and he is eating dinner now. It is 24:00 now Brian is going to bed. He always goes to bed at 24:00.

1. What does Brian do?

2. What time does he usually get up?

3. How does he usually go to work?

4. How is he going to work today?

5. What time does he arrive at work every day?

6. When does he always have lunch?

7. What is he doing at 12:00 today? _____

8. Why does he usually watch TV at 7:30? _____

9. What time does he go to bed? _____

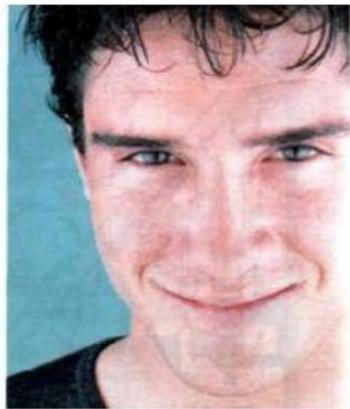
10. What time is he going to bed now? _____

TASK D. Read the text carefully. Then answer the questions.

ISABEL

"On Saturday mornings I usually get up late at 10 a.m. and do the housework. Then I meet some friends for lunch, and go shopping in the afternoon"

But this Saturday is different! Because today she is getting married. It's 8 a.m. and she's in church with all her family and friends. She is wearing a white dress, and her husband is standing next to her



MARK

"On Christmas day I usually go to my parents' house. We open our presents with my wife and my family, then have a big lunch at about 2:00 in the afternoon"

But this Christmas is different! Mark and his wife are in Australia. They are visiting friends. Right now they are having a barbecue next to the swimming pool. It's hot and they are wearing swimsuits.

1. What does Isabel usually do on Saturday mornings?

2. What is she doing this Saturday?

3. What does Mark usually do on Christmas day?

4. What is he doing this Christmas?

Underline the verbs in the two texts, compare between the verbs that describe habits and the verbs that describe actions that are happening at the time of speaking. Then complete the rules:

a) When we **describe habits**, we put the verb in the tense.

b) When we **describe actions that are happening at the time of speaking**, we put the verb in the tense.