

# Simple present or present progressive?

## 1 Complete the sentences with these words.

eat   eating   listen   listening   playing   plays

- 1 Jake often \_\_\_\_\_ basketball in the evening.
- 2 He is \_\_\_\_\_ soccer right now.
- 3 Marisa doesn't usually \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast.
- 4 Ricardo isn't \_\_\_\_\_ lunch right now.
- 5 Is Donna \_\_\_\_\_ to music?
- 6 Does she usually \_\_\_\_\_ to music?

## 2 Choose the correct answer, a or b.

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| 1 What does Donna's cousin do?<br><b>a</b> She teaches geography.<br><b>b</b> She's teaching geography.                | 4 Where are you now?<br><b>a</b> I sit on the boat.<br><b>b</b> I'm sitting on the boat.                      |
| 2 What are you doing?<br><b>a</b> I sail to Barbados.<br><b>b</b> I'm sailing to Barbados.                             | 5 What do you do in the evening?<br><b>a</b> I listen to the radio.<br><b>b</b> I'm listening to the radio.   |
| 3 What time do you usually get up?<br><b>a</b> I get up at seven o'clock.<br><b>b</b> I'm getting up at seven o'clock. | 6 Are you having fun?<br><b>a</b> Yes, I have a wonderful time.<br><b>b</b> Yes, I'm having a wonderful time. |

## 3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

- MARISA Hi, Donna! What are you (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (do)?
- DONNA I'm (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (read) an e-mail from my cousin.
- MARISA What's she (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (do)?
- DONNA She's (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (sail) from Miami to Barbados.
- MARISA Cool! What does she usually (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (do)?
- DONNA She's a teacher. She (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in a school.
- MARISA Does she (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) her job?
- DONNA Yes, she does.
- MARISA And is she (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) the trip?
- DONNA Yes, she says she's (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a wonderful time.

**A. Complete the following sentences with the Present Continuous (affirmative).**

1. Richard \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a shower now. He can't come to the phone.
2. Anna \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a film.
3. Look, Michael \_\_\_\_\_ (play) football over there. Let's talk to him.
4. The baby \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) now. Don't make so much noise.
5. Look at all those people over there. I don't know what \_\_\_\_\_ (happen).
6. They \_\_\_\_\_ (run) around the park.
7. At the moment I \_\_\_\_\_ (read) a book about vampires. It's fantastic!
8. Oh no! It \_\_\_\_\_ (rain)!
9. Where are Paul and Kate? They are over there. They \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for the bus.
10. I can't go now. I \_\_\_\_\_ (do) my homework.

**B. Choose the best option: the Present Simple or the Present Continuous.**

1. I often \_\_\_\_\_ tennis.  
a) play    b) plays    c) am playing
2. Mary \_\_\_\_\_ a computer game now.  
a) play    b) plays    c) is playing
3. My brother never \_\_\_\_\_ our mother with the dishes.  
a) help    b) helps    c) is helping
4. Now I \_\_\_\_\_ my homework.  
a) do    b) am doing    c) is doing
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ up early every day.  
a) wake    b) wakes    c) am waking



**C. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the Present Simple or the Present Continuous.**

1. Tom usually \_\_\_\_\_ (play) football, but today he \_\_\_\_\_ (play) basketball.
2. I usually \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV, but today I \_\_\_\_\_ (play) computer games.
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ (swim) in the lake now, but usually they \_\_\_\_\_ (swim) in the swimming pool.
4. Sophie usually \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) to school.
5. My mother usually \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) coffee, but today she \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) tea.
6. Ted \_\_\_\_\_ (wash) the car now, but his father usually \_\_\_\_\_ (wash) it.
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to music every day.
8. Look, Silvia \_\_\_\_\_ (cry). Let's see what's wrong.







9. That Maths exercise that you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) looks very difficult.
10. He usually \_\_\_\_\_ (go) jogging on Sundays.
11. I \_\_\_\_\_ (read) this fantastic book now.
12. Peter always \_\_\_\_\_ (do) his homework before dinner.
13. They \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) their bedroom every weekend.
14. My father \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) really well.

**D. Match in order to make complete sentences.**

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| 1. Michael is drinking water        | <input type="checkbox"/> | a. because he has a test tomorrow.    |
| 2. Philip is studying               | <input type="checkbox"/> | b. on the phone.                      |
| 3. Annie is writing on her computer | <input type="checkbox"/> | c. because he's thirsty.              |
| 4. Paul is sleeping                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | d. because he's tired.                |
| 5. Rachel is talking to her mother  | <input type="checkbox"/> | e. and sending emails to her friends. |
| 6. While I'm doing my homework      | <input type="checkbox"/> | f. my mother is cooking dinner.       |

**E. Look at the pictures and answer the questions.**

 <p>e.g. Are John and Julie writing?</p> <p><b>No, they aren't.</b></p> <p><b>They're speaking.</b></p>	<p>1. Is Susie playing the guitar?</p>  <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>2. Are they playing tennis?</p>  <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>3. Is she eating an ice cream?</p>  <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>4. Are you dancing?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> 