

# Present Simple vs Present Continuous

**Complete the following sentences with Present Simple:**

- a) My sister \_\_\_\_\_ (not/ play) tennis every day.
- b) I \_\_\_\_\_ (study) English at school from Monday to Friday.
- c) Chimpanzees \_\_\_\_\_ (not/ speak) any language.
- d) She always \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) skirts.
- e) \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) by bus?
- f) \_\_\_\_\_ your mum \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) dinner at night?
- g) Jim and Joe \_\_\_\_\_ (not/ go) to the theatre on Sundays.
- h) I never \_\_\_\_\_ (comb) my hair in the morning.

**Complete the following sentences with Present Continuous:**

- a) What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (eat)?
- b) Kat \_\_\_\_\_ (open) the window because she's hot.
- c) My dog \_\_\_\_\_ (not/ sleep) now.
- d) The girls \_\_\_\_\_ (listen to) music now.
- e) My brothers \_\_\_\_\_ (not/ watch) TV now.
- f) \_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_ (comb) her hair?
- g) \_\_\_\_\_ Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (copy) from the blackboard?
- h) We \_\_\_\_\_ (practice) exercises in English.



**Complete the following sentences with Present Simple or Present Continuous:**

- a) I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/ study) French now.
- b) We always \_\_\_\_\_ (play) cards during break time.
- c) Where \_\_\_\_\_ your granny \_\_\_\_\_ (live)?
- d) Peter \_\_\_\_\_ (not/ take) the children to school in the morning.
- e) What \_\_\_\_\_ your brother \_\_\_\_\_ (do) every morning?
- f) You \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) a lot!!!
- g) What \_\_\_\_\_ John \_\_\_\_\_ (write) now?
- h) What's that noise? Peter \_\_\_\_\_ (play) the guitar.
- i) We \_\_\_\_\_ (usually/ travel) to England in summer.
- j) This kind of animal \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) meat.
- k) Look! She \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) to a stranger.
- l) I'm looking at that girl. She \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) a beautiful skirt.
- m) I \_\_\_\_\_ (never/ drink) wine at night.
- n) What languages \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (speak)?

**Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense. Present Simple or Present Continuous.**

- a. We usually \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Spain on holiday, but this year we \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Florida.
- b. A: Why \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) so much food?  
B: Because we \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a party tonight.
- c. My dad \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in a house near the sea because he \_\_\_\_\_ (like) sailing.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) the television. Can I turn it off?
- e. A: How often \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (go) swimming?  
B: About once a week.
- f. What newspaper \_\_\_\_\_ you usually \_\_\_\_\_ (read)?
- g. A: The telephone \_\_\_\_\_ (ring)!!  
B: OK, I'll answer it. Hello? No, Sally isn't here at the moment. She \_\_\_\_\_ (play) tennis. Can I take the message? OK. Bye!

**Susan is making a video about a typical day in her life. Put the verbs in brackets into the Present Simple or Continuous.**

Hi, my name's Susan Smith and this is my family. As you can see we ..... (have) breakfast at this time. Look, everyone .....(smile) and happy. That is because I .....(film) them - usually we:.....(not talk) to each other in the morning

This is where I .....(catch) the bus to school every day. It's the number 13, and it .....(arrive) now. These two girls are my friends. Tina and Becky. We all ..... (go) to the same school. Tina ..... (wear) a skirt today, which is unusual. She hardly ever .....(wear) skirts.

I ..... (sit) on the bus now. It usually .....(arrive) at school at about a quarter to nine. The bus driver ..... (shout) at the children at the back of the bus at the moment. He .....(tell) them to sit down. The kids on the bus usually ..... (behave) very well. I ..... (not know) what's wrong with them today.

This is my classroom. I always .....(sit) at this desk, next to my friend Becky. Our teacher usually .....(come) in at five past nine. She won't be very happy today because everyone ..... (make) a lot of noise. Oh, here she is! I .....(have to ) turn off the camera now. See you later!





**Fill in the gaps with the correct tense: Present Simple or Present Continuous.**

At school we always \_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) a school play. The drama teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (teach) the words and melodies of the songs. We \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) the words by heart but at first it \_\_\_\_\_ (be not) easy. First form students \_\_\_\_\_ (not take) part in that show. They \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a play of their own. Now, 5th form \_\_\_\_\_ (practice). When the day of the show \_\_\_\_\_ (get) near, we \_\_\_\_\_ (rehearse) at the theatre. We \_\_\_\_\_ (climb) on the stage and off the stage when the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) us to. She \_\_\_\_\_ (not smile) when we \_\_\_\_\_ (be) absent. At this moment, 6th form \_\_\_\_\_ (sing) one of the songs. They generally \_\_\_\_\_ (sing) in the music room, but today it \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very hot so they \_\_\_\_\_ (rehearse) in the terrace.

**Ask the correct questions about the text above.**

1) \_\_\_\_\_

A school play

2) \_\_\_\_\_

The words and melodies of the songs.

3) \_\_\_\_\_

First form students.

4) \_\_\_\_\_

At the theatre.

5) \_\_\_\_\_

In the terrace.

6) \_\_\_\_\_

Because it is very hot today.

