

PRESENT SIMPLE vs PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Practice 1. Put the verbs in brackets in the present simple or present continuous:

1. I often _____ (go) to work by bus.
2. Where _____ (you/live)?
3. Be quiet! Paulina _____ (study) for her exam.
4. Don't turn off the radio. I _____ (listen) to it.
5. Tom _____ (work) as an architect for a large firm in London. This month, his company _____ (design) a new office building for one of its main clients.
6. I usually _____ (play) golf on Saturdays, but today I _____ (play) tennis.
7. Pablo is a journalist - he _____ (write) articles for a well-known newspaper. Right now, he _____ (write) about the economic situation in his country.
8. Look! Sarah _____ (drink) a glass of wine. She _____ (not/usually/drink) alcohol at this time of day.

Practice 2 - State verbs. Put the verbs in brackets in the present simple or present continuous:

1. We _____ (need) to wait. I _____ (not/know) how long.
2. I _____ (not/like) this dress. I _____ (prefer) that one.
3. I _____ (not/understand) what that _____ (mean). Can you explain it?
4. Janet _____ (be) single. She _____ (not/see) anyone at the moment.
5. Tom _____ (think) of emigrating to Australia.
6. Right now, I _____ (not/see) a problem. I _____ (think) everything is fine.
7. Why _____ (she/be) here? I _____ (not/remember) inviting her.
8. I _____ (see) that you _____ (be) very busy at the moment. I'll come back later.
9. Don't use this tool. It _____ (seem) to be broken.
10. _____ (you/realize) what that _____ (mean)?
11. You _____ (be) normally a very polite person. Why _____ (you/be) so rude right now?
12. Josh _____ (love) Alice. Unfortunately, Alice _____ (not/think) much of him.

Practice 3. Complete the questions below using the present simple or present continuous. Then give true answers.

1. You / often / wear / jeans? _____
2. You / wear / jeans / right now? _____
3. It / often / rain / in your country? _____
4. It / rain / at the moment? _____
5. You / ever / work / on Saturdays? _____
6. You / work / today? _____
7. You / sometimes / think / about moving to another country?

8. You / think / about moving to another country / at the moment?

9. You / see / the dentist / this week? _____
10. You / sometimes / play / tennis? _____
11. You / play / tennis now? _____

*We often use the present continuous with **always** to talk about something that happens again and again. The meaning is like the present simple, but it usually describes a habit that is irritating.*

Practice 4. Complete the sentences below with a suitable verb and 'always', like in the example.

 browse buy eat look for make
 misunderstand rain smile forget talk

1. Peter is **always forgetting** his keys. It's a real problem.
2. Anna _____ on the phone. Her phone bill must be very expensive!
3. Jeff is a very cheerful person. He _____.
4. You'll need an umbrella. It _____ in London.
5. Simon _____ the Internet. He needs to get out of his room.

6. You _____ what I say. Try to listen more carefully.
7. The company has too many customers, so they _____ new staff.
8. Joe _____ a chocolate bar. He really enjoys food!
9. You _____ the wrong milk! I don't drink full-fat milk.
10. I _____ the same mistakes! It's so irritating.

Do you have any habits that are irritating?