

# verb tenses

## PRESENT SIMPLE, PRESENT CONTINUOUS, PAST SIMPLE AND PAST CONTINUOUS

Complete the sentences with the present simple, the present continuous, the past simple or the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

1. learning English? (you/like)
2. this programme. (I / not understand)
3. My dad (listen) to classical music when I (arrive) home from school.
4. Jim and his father (not watch) TV. They're asleep.
5. Tony is upstairs in the bathroom. He (wash) his hair.
6. My cousin (meet) his wife, Bianca, while he (live) in Italy.
7. Why (run)? Are we late?
8. There are some strange noises in the sitting room. What (Tom / do)?
9. What time (John / get up) every day?
10. When we (leave) school yesterday, it (pour) with rain.
11. I (leave) home at 7:00 o'clock every morning.
12. Fred and I are good dancers but we (not / go) to discos very often.
13. When the lesson (start)? "It (begin) five minutes ago."
14. What (do) Pam?. Pam? Oh, she's a doctor.
15. I (always / stay) in the same hotel in New York.
16. Joanna (not / cook) the dinner at the moment.
17. Yesterday, Jane (not feel) well so she (call) the doctor.
18. Tony (work) at the moment. He's on holiday.
19. Why (smile)? Because I'm happy.
20. We (play) video games when my mum (say) 'Turn the volume down!'
21. What (read)? A letter from my sister.
22. What time (get up)? Me? About 7.00 usually.
23. the dogs (bark) at midnight last night?
24. My little sister (draw) a picture while I (study) for my French exam.

25. How \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to work. I usually catch a bus.
26. Excuse me. I think that you \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) in my seat.
27. I \_\_\_\_\_ (switch off ) the computer because it \_\_\_\_\_ (make) a strange noise.
28. Don't talk to me now. I \_\_\_\_\_ (write) an important letter.
29. When you \_\_\_\_\_ (see) Paul, he \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) a black jacket?
30. I \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) playing football because I \_\_\_\_\_ (break) my leg.

**Choose the correct options.**

1. I **listened** / **was listening** to the radio when I heard / was hearing this fantastic song.
2. Helen **is wearing** / **wears** blue jeans and a T-shirt today.
3. When the teacher **said** / **was saying** 'Stop!', I still tried / was still trying to finish the last question.
4. I feel really silly! While I **danced** / **was dancing**, I **fell** / **was falling** and **broke** / **was breaking** my elbow.
5. In summer we **are going** / **go** to the beach.
6. Tom and I **watch** / **are watching** a good film at the moment.
7. Tim **played** / **was playing** a computer game when his mum **called** / **was calling** him for lunch.
8. I **looked** / **was looking** for a file on my memory stick when I **noticed** / **was noticing** there was a virus.
9. It **starts** / **is starting** to rain, and we **are waiting** / **wait** for the bus in the open air.
10. Ron **found** / **was finding** a really interesting website about dance music while he **surf**ed / **was surfing** the internet.
11. 7 My mum **had** / **was having** breakfast near the computer when she **spilled** / **was spilling** her cup of coffee on the keyboard.
12. The football match **finishes** / **is finishing** and the players are **celebrating** / **celebrate** their victory.
13. How many pictures **did you take** / **were you taking** while you **travelled** / **were travelling** around Ireland?
14. Why **did you chat** / **were you chatting** to Philip while I **tried** / **was trying** to tell you something really important?

