PRESENT SIMPLE VS PRESENT CONTINUOUS EXERCISES

1. Put the verbs into the correct tense (present simple OR present continuous):

The train always _____(1: leave) on time.

"What's the matter? Why _____(2: cry/you)?"

That's strange. They_____(3: not to watch) TV.

He_____(4: not to speak) very good English.

Please be quiet! I_____(5: do) my homework.

Where_____(6: live/they)?

Listen! John _____ music! (7: play)

I never _____(8: go) to the swimming pool.

3. Choose the correct form for each verb.

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1. Marie-Claude isn't a Canadian. I _____ she comes from France.
   A. ✔ believe
   B. ? am believing
2. Look! Junko _____ into the water.
   A. ? jumps
   B. ? is jumping
3. I _____ you're crazy!
   A. ? think
   B. ? am thinking
4. Don't give Jan any cheese. She _____ it!
   A. ? hates
   B. ? is hating
5. I _____ to Toronto next Thursday. Do you want to come?
   A. ? go
   B. ? am going
6. Once a week, I _____ to an art class at the college.
   A. ? go

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B. ? am going

7. I _____ lunch in the cafeteria every day.
   A. ? have

   B. ? am having

8. Salman is rich — he _____ a Mercedes.
   A. ? drives

   B. ? is driving

9. You won't find Jerry at home right now. He _____ in the library.
   A. ? studies

   B. ? is studying

10. It _____ quite hard — perhaps we shouldn't go out tonight.
   A. ? snows

   B. ? is snowing

5. Present Simple or Continuous? Choose the correct alternative(s) in the sentences 1-8 below.

1 Today she 's spending/spends time with her grandmother.

2 They usually are going/go to the gym on Sundays.

3 We 're having/have a barbecue later on. Do you want to come?

4 No, she can't answer the phone, she has/is having a shower.

5 I always have/am having a coffee before I 'm leaving/leave for work in the morning.

6 They sometimes fly/are flying to Sweden, but usually they are going/go by boat.

7 Where are you? I 'm sitting/sit outside in the sunshine!

8 He always brings/is bringing a monolingual dictionary to his English class.

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