

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.

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

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.