

present tenses revision

present simple

- a repeated action or daily routine
I **walk** my dog every morning.
- permanent state
Brian **works** in an estate agency.
- general truths or laws of nature
Ice **melts** in temperature above zero.



Complete the sentences with the correct present form.

1. I can't talk to you right now. I _____ (study) for the technology exam.
2. George _____ (sprain) his wrist and he can't write now.
3. Where _____ (you, be)? We _____ (wait) for you since three o'clock.
4. My dad _____ (usually, wash) our car once a week.
5. Where are the kids? They _____ (play) scrabble with their grandpa upstairs.
6. My parents _____ (look) for a car for my elder sister.
7. A: Mum, can I watch 'Titanic'? B: But you _____ (see) that film five times. Watch a different one.

present continuous

- an action happening at the time of speaking
Look! Monica **is crying**.
- an action happening around now but not at the moment of speaking
We **are rehearsing** a school play at present.
- fixed arrangement in the near future
He **is meeting** his supervisor tomorrow.
I **am seeing** a dentist next Monday.



8. What time _____ (the library, open) on weekdays?
9. In my class there are children who _____ (never, travel) abroad in their lives.
10. It _____ (rain) all day. We can't go out to play in the garden.
11. What _____ (Vicky, do)? She's a researcher. She _____ (work) at Kingston University.
12. A: Why _____ (Rick, wear) a tailcoat? B: Because he _____ (perform) in the concert hall today.
13. I _____ (usually, walk) home from school but today my friend's mum _____ (give) me a lift.
14. Polly's hair _____ (grow) since I last saw her.
15. A: _____ (Laura, ever, act) in a school play? B: As far as I know she _____.

present perfect

- an action that happened at an unstated time in the past
I **have lost** my wallet.
- an action that started in the past and is still continuing in the present
Mrs. Webb **has been** a widow since 2003.



16. _____ (they, visit) you next Sunday?
17. My grandma _____ (bake) delicious cheesecake, but now she _____ (make) a chocolate cake.
18. Teresa _____ (exercise) a lot recently. She _____ (look) perfect.
19. Plants _____ (use) sunlight to get energy.
20. I _____ (not, get) up yet. I _____ (not, work) today so I can stay in bed longer.
21. James _____ (learn) French since he was in high school. He _____ (speak) fluently now.
22. The wind _____ (blow) the leaves off the trees today.
23. We _____ (live) in this house since I was born.
24. Where _____ (you, keep) your toys? In a wicker basket.

present perfect continuous

- an action which started in the past and continues up to the present
Jake and Bill **have been playing** ludo for half an hour.
- a past action of certain duration which results are visible in the present
It **has been snowing** all night. The path is covered with snow.



25. Rita _____ (type) letters for two hours. She _____ (already, type) four.
26. Tommy _____ (lose) his car keys. He's furious about it.
27. Look! Dave _____ (dance) with Sarah. I can't believe it!
28. A: Who _____ (clean) up today? B: Nick and Bill _____.