

PRESENT SIMPLE VS PRESENT CONTINUOUS

1. Complete the following sentences with Present Simple:

- a) My sister _____ (not/ play) tennis every day.
- b) I _____ (study) English at school from Monday to Friday.
- c) Chimpanzees _____ (not/ speak) any language.
- d) She always _____ (wear) skirts.
- e) _____ they _____ (travel) by bus?
- f) _____ your mum _____ (cook) dinner at night?
- g) Jim and Joe _____ (not/ go) to the theatre on Sundays.
- h) I never _____ (comb) my hair in the morning.

2. Complete the following sentences with Present Continuous:

- a) What _____ you _____ (eat)?
- b) Kat _____ (open) the window because she's hot.
- c) My dog _____ (not/ sleep) now.
- d) The girls _____ (listen to) music now.
- e) My brothers _____ (not/ watch) TV now.
- f) _____ she _____ (comb) her hair?
- g) _____ Mary _____ (copy) from the blackboard?
- h) We _____ (practice) exercises in English.

3. Complete the following sentences with Present Simple or Present Continuous:

- a) I _____ (not/ study) French now.
- b) We always _____ (play) cards during break time.
- c) Where _____ your granny _____ (live)?
- d) Peter _____ (not/ take) the children to school in the morning.
- e) What _____ your brother _____ (do) every morning?
- f) You _____ (talk) a lot!!!
- g) What _____ John _____ (write) now?
- h) What's that noise? Peter _____ (play) the guitar.
- i) We _____ (usually/ travel) to England in summer.
- j) This kind of animal _____ (eat) meat.
- k) Look! She _____ (speak) to a stranger.
- l) I'm looking at that girl. She _____ (wear) a beautiful skirt.
- m) I _____ (never/ drink) wine at night.

What languages _____ you _____ (speak)?

4. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense. Present Simple or Present Continuous.

- a. We usually _____ (go) to Spain on holiday, but this year we _____ (go) to Florida.
- b. A: Why _____ you _____ (buy) so much food?
B: Because we _____ (have) a party tonight.
- c. My dad _____ (live) in a house near the sea because he _____ (like) sailing.
- d. _____ you _____ (watch) the television Can I turn it off?
- e. A: How often _____ you _____ (go) swimming?
B: About once a week.
- f. What newspaper _____ you usually _____ (read)?
- g. A: The telephone _____ (ring)!!
B: OK, I'll answer it. Hello? No, Sally isn't here at the moment. She _____ (play) tennis. Can I take the message? OK. Bye!

5. Put the verbs in brackets in the " Present Simple"

My friend Cathy _____ (have) a horse. It _____ (be) a beautiful animal with big eyes and a long tail. Its name is Bella and it _____ (love) people. It _____ (not bite) or kick and it is always friendly. It _____ (eat) apples and hay but it _____ (not eat) meat. Horses _____ (not like) meat. Cathy usually _____ (ride) her horse every day after school. She _____ (not go) into the town because there is too much traffic. There _____ (not be) many cars in the country so she _____ (take) Bella there. It often _____ (rain) in England so at night Bella and the other horses _____ (sleep).

6. Present Simple / Continuous

Susan is making a video about a typical day in her life. Put the verbs in brackets into the Present Simple or Continuous.

Hi, my name's Susan Smith and this is my family. As you can see we _____ (have) it at this time. Look, everyone _____ (smile) and happy. That is because I _____ (film) them - usually we _____ (not talk) to each other in the morning

This is where I _____ (catch) the bus to school every day. It's the number 13, and it _____ (arrive) now. These two girls are my friends. Tina and Becky. We all _____ (go) to the same school. Tina _____ (wear) a skirt today, which is unusual. She hardly ever _____ (wear) skirts.

I _____ (sit) on the bus now. It usually _____ (arrive) at school at about a quarter to nine. The bus driver _____ (shout) at the children at the back of the bus at the moment. He _____ (tell) them to sit down. The kids on the bus usually _____ (behave) very well. I _____ (not know) what's wrong with them today.

This is my classroom. I always _____ (sit) at this desk, next to my friend Becky. Our teacher usually _____ (come) in at five past nine. She won't be very happy today because

everyone (make) a lot of noise. Oh, here she is! I(have to) turn off the camera now. See you later!

7. a. Fill in the gaps with the correct tense: Present Simple or Present Continuous.

At school we always (prepare) a school play. The drama teacher
(teach) the words and melodies of the songs. We(learn) the words by heart but at first it
..... (be not) easy. First form students (not take) part in that show. They
..... (have) a play of their own. Now, 5th form (practice).
When the day of the show (get) near, we (rehearse) at the theatre.
We (climb) on the stage and off the stage when the teacher (ask) us
to. She (not smile) when we (be) absent.
At this moment, 6th form (sing) one of the songs. They generally (sing)
in the music room, but today it (be) very hot so they (rehearse) in the
terrace.

b. Ask the correct questions about the text above.

- 1)
A school play
- 2)
The words and melodies of the songs.
- 3)
First form students.
- 4)
At the theatre.
- 5)
In the terrace.
- 6)
Because it is very hot today.