



Present continuous

Look at and read the options, choose the appropriate one to complete the sentences.

A Complete these conversations. Use the correct present continuous forms of the verbs in parentheses. Then practice with a partner.

1. A: What *'s* Pablo *doing* (do)?
B: He *is studying* (study).
2. A: What *is Mariko reading* (read)?
B: She *is reading* (read) a really good book.
3. A: What *is your family doing* (do) right now?
B: My parents *are working* (work), and my brother and sister *are talking* (talk) on the phone.
4. A: What *is our teacher doing* (do)?
B: He *is having* (have) lunch.
A: Really? I *am getting* (get) hungry, too.
5. A: *Are you speaking* (speak) Spanish right now?
B: No, I *am speaking* (speak) English!



Mixed tenses exercises

Exercise 9 ○○○○○

Complete the sentences. Use Simple Present and Present Progressive.

1. James (live) _____ in a little village.
2. He (be) _____ in his last year at school.
3. After school, James (want) _____ to become a banker.
4. So this week, he (do) _____ a practical course in a bank.
5. There (be) _____ a bank in a nearby town, but James (have) _____ to take the bus to get there.
6. The bus (leave) _____ at 5.30 in the morning and (return) _____ at 8.15 in the evening.
7. James (not / like) _____ to spend so much time in town before and after work, waiting for the bus.
8. Therefore, this week he (stay) _____ with his aunt, who (live) _____ in town.
9. James usually (wear) _____ jeans and t-shirts, but while he (work) _____ for the bank now, he (wear) _____ a suit and a tie.

Exercise 10 ●●●○○

Complete the story. Use Simple Present and Present Progressive.

1. Today (be) _____ Betty's birthday.
2. Betty (love) _____ birthdays.
3. She (be) _____ always very excited and (wake up) _____ very early.
4. At six o'clock in the morning, Betty (hear) _____ a noise.
5. She (get up) _____ and (go) _____ into the sitting room.
6. What (go on) _____ ?
7. Look! Betty's cat Carlos (sit) _____ on the table and he (play) _____ with Betty's present.

Exercise on Simple Present - Present Progressive

Exercise 11 ●●●○○

Complete the sentences. Use Simple Present and Present Progressive.

1. Sue (be) _____ a student from South Korea.
2. She (live) _____ in Seoul and (study) _____ medicine.
3. At the moment, however, Sue (live) _____ in London.
4. She (do) _____ a six-months practical course in a London hospital.
5. In five days, Sue (go) _____ back to South Korea because the next term at university (start) _____ in ten days.

Exercise on Simple Present - Present Progressive

Exercise 12 ♦♦♦○○

Complete the sentences. Use Simple Present and Present Progressive.

1. Mary and Joe (be) _____ in a clothes shop at the moment.
2. They (look) _____ at some jeans.
3. Joe only (have) _____ one very old pair of jeans.
4. So he (want) _____ to buy a new pair of jeans now.
5. Right now, he (try on) _____ a pair of blue jeans.
6. »These jeans (fit) _____ very well,« he (say) _____.
7. »But they (not suit) _____ you,« Mary (reply) _____. »Try on another pair.«
8. »What (think / you) _____ ?« he (ask) _____ Mary, when has tried on another pair.
9. »Great! How much (cost / they) _____ ?«