ASSIGNMENT 2 – PRESENT SIMPLE and PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Practice 1: *Complete the text with the* ***present simple or present continuous*** *of the verbs in brackets.*

Hi, I'm Lucy. I'm twelve years old and I live (live) with my family in Manchester.

At the weekend I normally [1]_____ (do) a lot of things. On Saturday mornings I [2]_____ (play) hockey. In the afternoon, I normally [3]_____ (meet) my friends and [4]_____ (go) to the shops. On Sundays, I [5]_____ (visit) my grandparents and [6]_____ (do) my homework.

But this weekend is different. I [7]_____ (stay) with my friend Ellie in London. Right now, we [8]_____ (sit) in a café near Tower Bridge and I [9]_____ (write) this blog. Ellie [10]_____ (eat) a strawberry ice cream, and I [11]_____ (have) a chocolate cake.

London is fantastic. I [12]_____ (love) it!

Practice 2: *Complete the text with the* ***present simple or present continuous*** *of the verbs in brackets.*

1 Mary _____ to yoga classes on Monday evenings. (go)
2 '_____?' 'No. Let's play tennis.' (it/rain)
3 Elephants _____ for 50 or 60 years. (live)
4 'Can I speak to Jack, please?' 'I'm sorry. _____ with his grandparents. He will be back tomorrow.' (He/stay)
5 'Are you OK?' 'No, I'm not. _____ a very bad day.' (I/have)
6 'How often _____ her room?' 'Every week.' (she/tidy)
7 Lucy's a vegetarian. _____ meat. (she/not eat)
8 'Why _____ the bus?' 'My bike's got a puncture.' (you/take)
9 This is very funny but nobody _____. (laugh)
10 '_____ glasses?' 'Yes. When I watch TV.' (you/wear)

Practice 3: *Select the correct option.*

1 Josh loves / is loving sport. He [1]**plays / 's playing** basketball and he [2]**plays / 's playing** football. Right now he [3]**plays / 's playing** football.

2 My dad's a teacher. He [4]**teaches / 's teaching** Science. Today's Saturday. He [5]**doesn't teach / isn't teaching** now – he [6]**reads / 's reading** the newspaper.

3 I [7]**like / 'm liking** reading. I [8]**read / 'm reading** a lot of books. I [9]**don't read / 'm not reading** at the moment. I [10]**watch / 'm watching** TV.

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Practice 4: *Write sentences and questions with the cues.*

▶ Ben / have / a big breakfast every day.
Ben has a big breakfast every day.

1 Sssh! The baby / sleep!
_____

2 you / do / your homework at the moment?
_____

3 I / not like / bananas.
_____

4 We / live / at number 23.
_____

5 the sun / shine / now?
_____

6 We / have / lunch at 12.30 every day.
_____

7 Jean / not / go / to school on Wednesday afternoons.
_____

8 It / not rain / now.
_____

Practice 5: *Look at the photo and complete the text with the correct tense of the verbs in the box.*

not like	run	shout	stand	~~wear~~
study	take	wear	go	not smile

This is a photo of my family. My sister Jenny 's wearing ____ a long skirt and a pink top. She's a student – she [1]_____ to London university and she [2]_____ History.

I [3]_____ next to my brother Harry. He [4]_____ a red T-shirt and he [5]_____ – he [6]_____ being in photos.

My mum [7]_____ 'Hurry up!' at my dad – and he [8]_____ into the picture. My dad [9]_____ terrible photos!

Practice 6: *Complete the dialogue with the correct tense of the verbs.*

Kate Do you remember (remember) my friend, Maria?

Polly Yes. She [1]_____ (live) in Spain, doesn't she?

Kate Normally, but at the moment she [2]_____ (live) in China.

Polly Why is she in China?

Kate Her parents [3]_____ (spend) a year there. They [4]_____ (teach) at a university.

Polly [5]_____ she _____ (like) it?

Kate At first it was difficult but now she [6]_____ (enjoy) it. She [7]_____ (say) it's very different from Europe.

Polly [8]_____ she _____ (learn) Chinese?

Kate Yes. She [9]_____ (go) to Chinese classes every day after school. She [10]_____ (understand) a lot, but speaking is more difficult. In fact, she [11]_____ (think) about studying Chinese at university, when she goes back to Spain.

Polly What about the food? [12]_____ she _____ (like) it?

Kate Yes, she [13]_____ (love) it. Spanish people like seafood and I [14]_____ (think) Chinese people eat a lot of seafood too.

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Practice 7: *Complete the sentences with the* ***present simple or present continuous*** *of the verbs in brackets.*

Hello!

I'm writing (write) to you from my tent. It's our annual family summer holiday - and the weather's terrible! Right now, it [1]_____ (rain) and the wind [2]_____ (blow). It feels like winter. What's the weather like with you today?

We [3]_____ (stay) in a field near the mountains. We [4]_____ (come) here every year. I [5]_____ (not know) why. I really [6]_____ (not like) camping. My things always [7]_____ (get) wet and dirty. I [8]_____ (want) to stay in a big hotel by the sea in a hot country!

What about you? [9]_____ (you / like) camping? [10]_____ (you / have) a holiday every year? Where [11]_____ (you / go)?

I hope the rain stops soon. This afternoon we [12]_____ (take) a boat out on the lake.

See you soon.

Toby

P.S. I [13]_____ (come) home at the weekend. How about you? [14]_____ (you / have) any plans for the weekend?

Practice 8: *Complete the text with the correct tense of the verbs in brackets.*

Katy Dixon is a famous scientist. She works at a university in London. She is a vulcanologist. That means that she [1]_____ (study) the science of volcanoes. She [2]_____ (spend) most of the time at the university. She [3]_____ (do) experiments in a laboratory, and she also [4]_____ (teach) students. But sometimes she [5]_____ (travel) to interesting places in the world and [6]_____ (explore) real volcanoes.

This week, Katy [7]_____ (visit) South America. She [8]_____ (make) a programme for television. Today they [9]_____ (film) an 'active' volcano. Active volcanoes sometimes [10]_____ (erupt), so she has to be careful. At the moment, Katy [11]_____ (sit) at the top of the volcano and [12]_____ (talk) about lava. She [13]_____ (have) a fantastic time. She [14]_____ (think) it is the best job in the world!

Practice 9: *Complete the sentences with the* ***present simple or present continuous*** *of the verbs in brackets.*

1. Look at the students! They (run) ---------- really fast!
2. Tanya and her sister (stay) ---------- with us today.
3. You can't play on the computer because Dad (use) ---------- it.
4. Our teacher (usually, not give) ---------- us much homework.
5. Leo (listen) ---------- to the radio.
6. Carla (like) ---------- salad but she (not eat) ---------- it in winter.
7. Molly (usually, have) ---------- some bread for breakfast but today she (have) ---------- a bowl of soup.

8. My brother (always, borrow) ---------- my CDs without asking!
9. People in China (never, eat) ---------- with a knife and fork.
10. The waitress (always, bring) ---------- the bill immediately.
11. Jamie's on the phone. He (talk) ---------- to Eric.
12. My mother (rarely, make) ---------- a birthday cake.
13. How often (your family, come) ---------- here to visit you?
14. It (not snow) ---------- here in summer.
15. What (you, take) ---------- a photo of? There (be) ---------- nothing to see here at the moment.
16. Carla's in the kitchen. She (bake) ---------- some cookies for her mother.
17. (you, look) ---------- anything special? - Yes, I (want) ---------- to buy a present for my cousin.
18. (your brother, always, do) ---------- a lot of exercise? - Yes, he (train) ---------- to be an athlete at the moment.
19. I (meet) ---------- Jamie this evening. – Jamie? I (not know) ---------- him.
20. I (not feel) ---------- well now. – (you, have) ---------- a stomachache?

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