Simple Present vs Present Continuous

Simple Present is used to talk about facts or things that are true or unchanging.

The Eiffel Tower is in Paris. / My mother can cook very well.

Simple Present with adverbs of frequency is used to talk about regular actions or habits.

Maggie is always late for class. / Dad never comes home late.

Present Continuous is used to talk about momentary activities or circumstances that may not be happening at the time of speaking.

1 Read the sentences. Write PC (present continuous) or SP (simple present)

1. Miranda walks to her everyday. SP___
2. Jessica and Jill are preparing for their exam. _____
3. Dad works in a molding factory. _____
4. Susanna is watching the TV now. _____
5. Ian always does his homework after dinner. _____
6. Otto likes to play cricket. _____
7. The students are going on a field trip. _____
8. Sister Ann always visits the orphans. _____

2 Write PC or SP for the verbs.

1. coming _____
2. studying _____
3. teaching _____
4. jumps _____
5. runs _____
6. washing _____
7. makes _____
8. sits _____
9. cooks _____
10. draws _____

3 Look at the word bank and fill in the correct answers.

1. Bob _____ _____ in the room now.
2. Linda usually _____ to work by scooter.
3. Ivan and Dave _____ _____ the course in May.
4. My brother _____ his bed every morning.
5. Ryan never _____ his teeth before going to bed.
6. June _____ her grandmother once in a week.
7. The children _____ _____ behind the blinds.
8. My son _____ to eat pudding and candy floss.
9. Harold seldom _____ in the pool.
10. They _____ _____ in the kitchen

1.	go
2.	brush
3.	like
4.	make
5.	take
6.	visit
7.	hide
8.	sleep
9.	cook
10.	swim

4 Rewrite the correct sentences.

1. Mr. Owen Hagar riding his bike to the factory every morning.

   _____

2. Merlin are packing her luggage for tomorrow trip.

   _____

3. The women are talk loudly.

   _____

4. The new teacher walking to the bus stop every evening.

   _____

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5 Read, match the sentences and pictures.

1. What is she reading? •
2. Do they play basketball? •
3. Who is doing cooking? •
4. Does he always play soccer after school? •
5. Are you going to the concert? •
6. What is Jim drawing? •
7. Does Eugene have a bike? •
7. What are you doing? •
8. Does he know the address? •
10. Do you know how to dance? •

• a. He is drawing an alien.
• b. No, I'm not.
• c. Yes, they do.
• d. No, he doesn't.
• e. I'm looking for my glasses.
• f. Yes, he does.
• g. Yes, I'm good at it.
• h. She is reading Harry Potter.
• i. Mom is.
• j. Yes, he does.

6 Re-arrange the sentences and write in Simple Present and Present Continuous forms.

1. We / to the / go / staff canteen / for lunch.

SP We go to the staff canteen for lunch.

PC We are going to the staff canteen for lunch.

2. does the knitting / Florence / every day.

SP _____

PC _____

3. order / Patrick / for dinner. / a seafood pizza

SP _____

PC _____

4. Violet / the butterflies / catch / with a net.

SP _____

PC _____

7 Write present simple and present continuous for the verb

1.	write	writes	writing
2.	fly	_____	_____
3.	swim	_____	_____
4.	dance	_____	_____
5.	study	_____	_____
6.	look	_____	_____
7.	hit	_____	_____
8.	watch	_____	_____
9.	wash	_____	_____
10.	go	_____	_____
11.	ring	_____	_____
12.	guess	_____	_____
13.	enter	_____	_____
14.	match	_____	_____
15.	sit	_____	_____
16.	ride	_____	_____
17.	do	_____	_____

8 Make your own sentencs in both Simple Present and Present Continuous forms.

1. wear (SP) _____
   (PC) _____
2. eat (SP) _____
   (PC) _____
3. drive (SP) _____
   (PC) _____

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