TENSE USAGE: Simple Present Vs Present Continuous

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<th>PRESENT CONTINUOUS</th>
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<td>• At the moment/at present</td>
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<td>• This morning/evening e.t.c.</td>
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<td>• Look! Listen!</td>
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<td>(at the time of speaking)</td>
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Key Words

- • Always
- • never
- • usually
- • sometimes
- • often
- • rarely / seldom
- • occasionally
- • frequently
- • every day / year e.t.c.
- • once a week
- • in the evening / morning e.t.c.
- • at night
- • all the time
- • regularly
- • normally

A. Fill in the Simple Present or the Present Continuous Tense:

1) Most visitors in London _______ (use) the underground
2) I’m sorry but I _______ (not/believe) you.
3) It _______ often _______ (not / rain) in the summer, but today it _______ (rain).
4) _______ Kylie _______ (meet) Max later?
5) Our dog usually _______ (sleep) on the sofa but at the moment he _______ (sleep) under the bed.
6) “When _______ you _______ (come) home?” - “In about an hour”
7) “_______ Mr. Jackson _______ (help) his son with his homework?” - “Yes, every evening”
8) Mary _______ (not/read) a book. She _______ (sit) at her desk. She _______ (write) an essay.
9) We usually _______ (go) swimming on Saturdays but we _______ (not/go) swimming today.
10) “Why are you so worried?” - “I _______ (take) an exam tomorrow”

B. Choose the correct answer:

1. Harry plays tennis _______.
   a. on Sundays  b. now
2. Judy _______ a bath at the moment
   a. is having  b. has
3. I usually _______ on holiday in July.
   a. am going  b. go
4. “Where’s Dad?” - In the garden. He _______ the car
   a. is washing  b. washes
5. Colin usually cooks dinner but Mary ____ it today.
   a. is making  b. makes
6. Alex is taking a photo _______.
   a. at the moment  b. every day

C. Fill in do, does, am, is or are:

1) _______ you like pop music?
2) _______ you coming to the cinema tonight?
3) _______ it snow a lot in your country?
4) I _______ not sending an e-mail at the moment.
5) Tina and Kim _______ not work in a shop.
6) Who _______ helping Pat today?

D. Fill in the Simple Present or the Present Continuous Tense:

1. THINK
1) I _______ about my history test tomorrow
2) _______ you _______ the film is good?

2. WEAR
1) What _______ you _______ for Sue’s party?
2) Frank often _______ a suit for work

3. BUY
1) Carol always _______ her clothes in that shop
2) Ann _______ some postcards at the moment. She’s in that shop

4. HAVE
1) I _______ dinner at the moment
2) _______ you _______ a shower every morning?

5. LEAVE
1) Steve _______ his flat at eight o’clock in the morning.
2) Hurry up! The train _______ !

6. DO
1) What _______ your brother _______ tomorrow?
2) What _______ you _______ in your spare time?

7. TALK
1) We _______ on the phone every day.
2) Phil _______ to some people over there

8. WORK
1) David _______ in a hospital in Liverpool.
2) Helen _______ on her computer right now.