

TENSE USAGE : Simple Present Vs Present Continuous

PRESENT CONTINUOUS	Key Words	SIMPLE PRESENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now • At the moment/at present • This morning/evening e.t.c. • Today/tonight • Nowadays • Look! Listen! (at the time of speaking) 	↖ ↗ ↘ ↙	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.