

Simple Present or Present Progressive - Test 2

A - Put in the verbs in brackets into the gaps.

- 1) I _____ thirsty. (*to be*)
- 2) John often _____ sugar in his coffee. (*to take*)
- 3) Listen! They _____ home. (*to come*)
- 4) I usually _____ as a teacher in Germany,
but this summer I _____ as a language assistant in Rome. (*to work*)
- 5) Anne _____ red hair. (*to have*)
- 6) The flowers _____ beautiful. (*to smell*)
- 7) The bus to New York _____ at 6.30). (*to leave*)
- 8) My history teacher _____ too much. (*to talk*)
- 9) Right now Christine _____ on the computer. (*to work*)
- 10) Hey! What _____ you _____ there? (*to do*)

B - Which sentences are correct? Sometimes both sentences are correct.

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| 1)
a) I feel fine.
b) I'm feeling fine. | 6)
a) I love holidays.
b) I'm loving every minute of my holiday. |
| 2)
a) I am tasting the soup.
b) The soup tastes good. | 7)
a) I am needing an umbrella now.
b) I need a new computer. |
| 3)
a) She is weighing the turkey.
b) She weighs 60 kilos. | 8)
a) I see what the teacher means.
b) I'm seeing what the teacher means. |
| 4)
a) You are being very silly about this.
b) You are silly. | 9)
a) I am thinking we should go.
b) I think we should go. |
| 5)
a) I am remembering my first date.
b) I remember my first day at school. | 10)
a) Andy repairs things at the moment.
b) Andy sometimes repairs things. |

C - Which answers are correct?

1) What are typical signal words for the Present Progressive?

- a) Listen!
- b) Look!
- c) ago
- d) at the moment
- e) just
- f) never
- g) now
- h) yet

2) What are typical signal words for the Simple Present?

- a) already
- b) at the moment
- c) every day
- d) last week
- e) normally
- f) now
- g) seldom
- h) usually

3) Which sentences/questions are in the Present Progressive?

- a) He had a shower in the morning.
- b) He was sitting on the beach.
- c) He's having a shower.
- d) I don't think so.
- e) We're thinking of buying a new car.

4) Which sentences/questions are in the Simple Present?

- a) Anne is always coming late.
- b) First I get up then I have breakfast.
- c) He's just finished the letter.
- d) I was having breakfast.
- e) I'm here.
- f) She lives in Sofia.

D - Which actions – which tenses?

1) Which of the following action is in the Simple Present?

- a) actions happening at the moment of speaking
- b) action finished in the past
- c) repeated actions

2) Which of the following action is in the Simple Present?

- a) result of an action in the past is important in the present
- b) things in general
- c) planned action in the near future

3) Which of the following action is in the Simple Present?

- a) actions beginning in the past and still continuing
- b) actions in the present - one follows after the other
- c) planned action in the future

4) Which of the following action is in the Simple Present?

- a) actions were in progress at special time in the past
- b) fixed arrangements, scheduled events in the future
- c) spontaneous action in the future

5) Which of the following action is in the Present Progressive?

- a) things in general
- b) spontaneous action in the future
- c) fixed plan in the near future

6) Which of the following action is in the Present Progressive?

- a) actions happening at the moment of speaking
- b) recently completed actions
- c) repeated actions

E - Negate the following sentences.

1) They are using a dictionary.

2) Stacey works in the library.

3) She is good at sports.

4) The diary is lying on the floor.

5) Anne is smiling.

6) We are carrying a big box.

7) I like fish.

8) They are preparing the picnic.

9) My friend lives in Stockholm.

10) He is waiting for the bus.

F - Choose the correct verb forms.

1) _____ in ghosts?

- a) Does your little brother believe
- b) Is your little brother believing

2) This cake _____ wonderful.

- a) is tasting
- b) tastes

3) My father _____ tea for breakfast.

- a) is preferring
- b) prefers

4) Hey John! _____ about Peggy?

- a) Are you thinking
- b) Do you think

5) I have to go now. _____ dark.

- a) It gets
- b) It's getting

6) We _____ music in the street.

- a) are hearing
- b) hear

7) I _____ his brother is football-crazy.

- a) am thinking
- b) think

8) _____ with you.

- a) I agree
- b) I am agreeing

9) He _____ with his grandmother until his mother comes back from China.

- a) is living
- b) lives

10) He _____ the newspaper at the moment.

- a) is reading
- b) reads