

Simple Present or Present Progressive - Test 2 - **Answers**

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

- 1) I am thirsty.
- 2) John often takes sugar in his coffee.
- 3) Listen! They are coming home. also correct 're coming
- 4) I usually work as a teacher in Germany,
but this summer I am working as a language assistant in Rome. also correct 'm working
- 5) Anne has red hair.
- 6) The flowers smell beautiful.
- 7) The bus to New York leaves at 6.30.
- 8) My history teacher talks too much.
- 9) Right now Christine is working on the computer.
- 10) Hey! What are you doing there?

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

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

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. They are not using a dictionary. also correct
 They're not using a dictionary. also correct
 They aren't using a dictionary.
- 2) Stacey works in the library. Stacey does not work in the library. also correct
 Stacey doesn't work in the library.
- 3) She is good at sports. She is not good at sports. also correct
 She's not good at sports. also correct
 She isn't good at sports.
- 4) The diary is lying on the floor. The diary is not lying on the floor. also correct
 The diary isn't lying on the floor.
- 5) Anne is smiling. Anne is not smiling. also correct
 Anne isn't smiling.
- 6) We are carrying a big box. We are not carrying a big box. also correct
 We're not carrying a big box. also correct
 We aren't carrying a big box.
- 7) I like fish. I do not like fish. also correct
 I don't like fish.
- 8) They are preparing the picnic. They are not preparing the picnic. also correct
 They're not preparing the picnic. also correct
 They aren't preparing the picnic.
- 9) My friend lives in Stockholm. My friend does not live in Stockholm. also correct
 Stacey doesn't live in Stockholm.
- 10) He is waiting for the bus. He is not waiting for the bus. also correct
 He's not waiting for the bus. also correct
 He isn't 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