

Simple Present or Present Progressive - Test

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

- 1) Pat often _____ to concerts. (*to go*)
- 2) Look! The boys _____ to the playground. (*to run*)
- 3) Every afternoon Jack _____ a cup of tea. (*to have*)
- 4) We _____ a computer game at the moment. (*to play*)
- 5) I _____ a nice film now. (*to watch*)
- 6) Tom never _____ picture postcards. (*to write*)
- 7) They _____ from Tokyo. (*to be*)
- 8) Listen! Anne and Susan _____ a song. (*to sing*)
- 9) Angela sometimes _____ a museum. (*to visit*)
- 10) The cat seldom _____ on the sofa. (*to sleep*)

B - Which sentences are correct?

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| 1)
a) Timmy is asking a lot of questions now.
b) Timmy is sometimes asking a lot of questions. | 6)
a) Listen! The girls are making a lot of noise.
b) The girls are often making a lot of noise. |
| 2)
a) He often reads a book.
b) He reads a book now. | 7)
a) Listen! We play the drums.
b) We never play the drums. |
| 3)
a) Every afternoon Mum makes a cup of tea.
b) Listen! Mum makes a cup of tea. | 8)
a) Dorothy helps with the cooking in the afternoons.
b) Look! Dorothy helps with the cooking. |
| 4)
a) Every day the boy is making a snowball.
b) Look! The boy is making a snowball. | 9)
a) They always go to school by bus.
b) They go to school by bus at the moment. |
| 5)
a) Look! Stan is doing magic tricks.
b) Stan is usually doing magic tricks. | 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 Simple Present?

- a) yesterday
- b) sometimes
- c) at the moment
- d) every day
- e) often
- f) now

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

- a) Listen!
- b) sometimes
- c) at the moment
- d) now
- e) often
- f) every day

3) Which verb forms are used in the Simple Present?

- a) infinitive
- b) infinitive + -ed
- c) infinitive + -s
- d) are + infinitive + -ing
- e) infinitive + -ing

4) Which verb forms are used in the Present Progressive?

- a) infinitive
- b) infinitive + -ing
- c) am + infinitive + -ing
- d) are + infinitive + -ing
- e) is + infinitive + -ing
- f) to be + infinitive + -ing

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

- a) Do you like tea?
- b) He is British.
- c) She dropped a glass of milk.
- d) She is sitting on a chair.
- e) We don't go by bus.
- f) He's chatting.

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

- a) He does not make the beds.
- b) I often take photos.
- c) Is the cat playing in the garden?
- d) She's doing her homework.
- e) They are not cleaning their room.
- f) We have a new car.

D - Choose the correct verb forms.

1) I _____ from New Zealand.

- a) am
- b) are
- c) be
- d) is

6) The baby _____ crying.

- a) am
- b) are
- c) be
- d) is

2) Anne and Tom _____ feeding the cows.

- a) am
- b) are
- c) be
- d) is

7) I _____ preparing dinner.

- a) am
- b) are
- c) be
- d) is

3) Pat _____ a school bus.

- a) drive
- b) drives

8) We _____ drawing a picture.

- a) am
- b) are
- c) be
- d) is

4) Our friend sometimes _____ to the supermarket.

- a) go
- b) goes

9) _____ they walk to school?

- a) Do
- b) Does

5) Andy _____ washing his pullover.

- a) am
- b) are
- c) be
- d) is

10) Sandy often _____ her homework.

- a) forget
- b) forgets

E - Which action – which tenses?

1) things in general

- a) Simple Present
- b) Present Progressive

2) repeated actions

- a) Simple Present
- b) Present Progressive

3) actions happening at the moment of speaking

- a) Simple Present
- b) Present Progressive

4) actions in the present – one follows after the other

- a) Simple Present
- b) Present Progressive

5) habitual actions

- a) Simple Present
- b) Present Progressive

F - Negate the sentences.

- 1) Cathy forgets her homework. _____
- 2) I collect picture postcards. _____
- 3) They play chess in a club. _____
- 4) The dog is sitting under the tree. _____
- 5) Sam and Max live with their mother. _____
- 6) Our teacher checks the homework every day. _____
- 7) You are having fun. _____
- 8) He is looking at a photo. _____
- 9) I am repairing my bike. _____
- 10) She does magic tricks. _____