

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

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

- 1) Pat often goes to concerts.
- 2) Look! The boys are running to the playground.
- 3) Every afternoon Jack has a cup of tea.
- 4) We are playing a computer game at the moment. also correct: 're playing
- 5) I am watching a nice film now. also correct: 'm watching
- 6) Tom never writes picture postcards.
- 7) They are from Tokyo. also correct: 're
- 8) Listen! Anne and Susan are singing a song.
- 9) Angela sometimes visits a museum.
- 10) The cat seldom sleeps on the sofa.

### **B - Which sentences are correct?**

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| 1)<br>a) <u>Timmy is asking a lot of questions now.</u><br>b) Timmy is sometimes asking a lot of questions. | 6)<br>a) <u>Listen! The girls are making a lot of noise.</u><br>b) The girls are often making a lot of noise. |
| 2)<br>a) <u>He often reads a book.</u><br>b) He reads a book now.   | 7)<br>a) Listen! We play the drums.<br>b) <u>We never play the drums.</u>                                     |
| 3)<br>a) <u>Every afternoon Mum makes a cup of tea.</u><br>b) Listen! Mum makes a cup of tea.               | 8)<br>a) <u>Dorothy helps with the cooking in the afternoons.</u><br>b) Look! Dorothy helps with the cooking. |
| 4)<br>a) Every day the boy is making a snowball.<br>b) <u>Look! The boy is making a snowball.</u>           | 9)<br>a) <u>They always go to school by bus.</u><br>b) They go to school by bus at the moment.                |
| 5)<br>a) <u>Look! Stan is doing magic tricks.</u><br>b) Stan is usually doing magic tricks.                 | 10)<br>a) Andy repairs things at the moment.<br>b) <u>Andy sometimes repairs things.</u>                      |

**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.         Cathy does not forget her homework.     or  
    Cathy doesn't forget her homework.
- 2) I collect picture postcards.         I do not collect picture postcards.     or  
    I don't collect picture postcards.
- 3) They play chess in a club.         They do not play chess in a club.     or  
    They don't play chess in a club.
- 4) The dog is sitting under the tree.         The dog is not sitting under the tree.     or  
    The dog isn't sitting under the tree.
- 5) Sam and Max live with their mother.         Sam and Max do not live with their mother.     or  
    Sam and Max don't live with their mother.
- 6) Our teacher checks the homework  
every day.         Our teacher does not check the homework every day.     or  
    Our teacher doesn't check the homework every day.
- 7) You are having fun.         You are not having fun.     or  
    You aren't having fun.
- 8) He is looking at a photo.         He is not looking at a photo.     or  
    He isn't looking at a photo.
- 9) I am repairing my bike.         I am not repairing my bike.     or  
    I'm not repairing my bike.
- 10) She does magic tricks.         She does not do magic tricks.     or  
    She doesn't do magic tricks.