

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.
