EXTRA GRAMMAR PRACTICE-A1
SIMPLE PRESENT & PRESENT CONTINUOUS

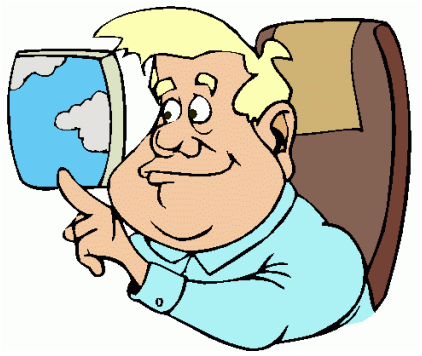
1. Fill in with the **Present Simple** or the **Present Continuous**.

1. A: _____ (you/want) to come over for dinner tonight?
   B: Sorry, I can't. I_____ (go) to the cinema with some friends.
2. A: _____ (Tom/talk) on the phone?
   B: No, he_____ (work) on the computer.
3. A: How often_____ (she/drive) her kids to football practice?
   B: Every Monday.
4. A: _____ (you/like) tea?
   B: Yes, I_____ (drink) a cup every afternoon.
5. A: The children_____ (make) lots of noise today.
   B: Yes, but they_____ (have) fun.
6. A: What_____ (Helen/do) this weekend?
   B: She_____ (visit) her cousin in Manchester.
7. A: What_____ (you/usually/do) on Saturday mornings?
   B: I_____ (tidy) my room and go shopping.
8. A: Where's Louise?
   B: She's in London. She_____ (stay) at the Hilton Hotel.
9. A: How often_____ (you/water) the plants?
   B: Twice a week.
10. A: _____ (you/like) pop music?
    B: Not really. I_____ (prefer) rock music.
11. A: _____ (you/know) where John is?
    B: He_____ (have) a shower.
12. A: You_____ (look) very tired.
    B: I_____ (think) I'll have an early night tonight.
13. A: What_____ (you/think) of Jane?
    B: She_____ (seem) to be a nice girl.
14. A: Who_____ (this car/belong) to?
    B: I _____ (think) it's Claire's.
15. A: How much_____ (this sweater/cost)?
    B: £20 and it's beautiful. It_____ (feel) very soft.
16. A: You_____ (look) great. _____ (you/go) out?
    B: Yes, John_____ (have) a birthday party.
17. A: I_____ (not/understand) what you_____ (mean).
    B: That's OK. I'll explain it again.
18. A: _____ (you/recognize) the man in this picture?
    B: He_____ (look) like Jack, but I'm not sure.
19. A: I_____ (see) there's a very good film on at the cinema tonight. Would you like to go?
    B: Sorry, I can't. I_____ (see) an old friend from school tonight.
20. A: Why_____ (you/taste) the stew?
    B: To see if it_____ (taste) good. I think it_____ (need) some more spices.
21. A: _____(Peter/feel) OK? He_____ (look) really pale.
    B: Yes, I_____ (know). I_____ (look) for the doctor's telephone number now.
22. A: Why_____ (you/ smell) the meat?
    B: Because it_____ (smell) funny. I_____ (think) it has gone off.
23. A: I_____ (think) about taking a week off to go on holiday.
    B: I_____ (think) that's a good idea. You_____ (need) some rest.
24. A: How nice! You_____ (have) a new computer.
    B: Yes, but I_____ (have) difficulty installing this new program.
25. A: Sam_____ (be) usually a very well- behaved boy.
    B: Yes, but today he_____ (be) very naughty.





2. Choose the correct alternative.



1. We [*are leaving, leave, leaves*] for school any minute now.
2. Peter always [*send, sends, sending*] us a postcard at Christmas.
3. Water [*boil, boils, is boiling*] at 100º.
4. The Smiths [*are going, go, goes*] to their country house every weekend.
5. I [*am visiting, visit, visits*] my grandparents this Saturday.
6. The day [*is getting, get, gets*] longer every day.
7. Right now Mark [*is flying, flies, fly*] to the USA.
8. [*Do you understand, Are you understanding, Understand*] it now, children?
9. The last performance at the Rex [*start, starts, is starting*] at 10 in the evening.
10. Today we [*are having, have, has*] dinner at a restaurant for a change.

3. Complete the mini dialogues with the Present Simple or Present Continuous.

S1: What [1]_____ (**you usually – do**) on Saturdays, Peter?
S2: Oh, I usually [2]_____ (**play**) with my friends, but today I [3]_____ (**visit**) my grandparents.

S3: Hello, Tom. We [4]_____ (**go**) to the gym. [5]_____ (**you-want**) to come with us?
S4: I'd love to, but I [6]_____ (**meet**) my cousin at the airport in an hour. She [7]_____ (come) with Air-France.

S5: Why [8]_____ (**Liz - cry**)?
S6: Because of her brother. He [9]_____ (**always – take**) her toys. And I don't like that!

S7: We [11]_____ (**have**) a party next Friday. Let's Invite Sue's brother to it
S8: I'm afraid, he[12] _____ (**not like**) parties.



4. Put the *adverbs of frequency* in the correct place in the sentences.

1. He takes us out to dinner. (**often**)
2. Does Sam ride his bike to school? (**usually**)
3. We don't enjoy the peace and quiet of the countryside. (**always**)
4. My parents work at the weekend. (**never**)
5. I meet my friends at an Internet café. (**sometimes**)
6. Jim goes to the theatre. (**seldom**)
7. Our teacher doesn't give us homework. (**always**)
8. He is late for work. (**sometimes**)

5. Underline the correct time expression.

1. George and Jennifer have French lessons **on Thursdays/ at the moment**.
2. Bob is going to a concert **tonight/ every Friday**.
3. She is living with her cousin **at present/ at nights**.
4. I am taking five courses **this semester/ every day**.
5. Does Mike **now/ usually** play basketball at the weekend?
6. Helen isn't working **at the moment/ on Sundays**.
7. Martha usually does her food shopping **on Saturdays/ at the moment**.
8. It isn't raining **now/ at the weekend**.
9. Pierre and Marie are going to the theatre **tonight/ every Tuesday**.
10. Ron has a piano lesson **twice a week/ these days**.
11. Sophie is sitting her exams **this week/ at night**.
12. Carla and John usually eat out **on Sundays/ at the moment**.
13. George buys a newspaper **every day/ today**.
14. My friend and I play computer games **on Saturday afternoons/ at present**.
15. **Sometimes/ At the moment** she is studying for a test.
16. Tom isn't driving to work **today/ every day**.



6. Correct the mistakes.

1. Tina wash her hair every day.
2. Do you watch TV always in the evenings?
3. Ian don't know anything about the party.
4. Betty doesn't likes fish.
5. Does she work late? Yes, she do.
6. Do they lives in Madrid?
7. Tom doesn't sleep early usually.
8. Jim rarely is late for work.



7. Circle the mistake (A or B) and then correct it.

1. We usually <u>having</u> English lessons <u>on</u> Tuesdays.
   A B
2. Most days, Kevin <u>is getting</u> a lift to school. Today <u>he's taking</u> the bus.
   A B
3. I <u>fly</u> to Rome tonight. I<u>'m leaving</u> for the airport in an hour.
   A B
4. <u>Are you cooking</u> dinner every night or <u>do you sometimes</u> order a takeaway?
   A B
5. Mike <u>comes</u> to school at 8 o' clock every day but today he <u>is being</u> early.
   A B

8. Circle the correct item.

1. Paul……breakfast at the moment.
   A doesn't have B has C is having
2. ……listening to jazz music?
   A Does she enjoy B Does she enjoys C Is she enjoying
3. Nancy and Stella usually……hiking at the weekend.
   A are going B goes C go
4. I……the dentist on Monday.
   A see B am seeing C sees
5. Is David……in the library now?
   A study B studies C studying
6. My mother……home from work at 5pm every day.
   A get B gets C is getting
7. Is Steve……his doctor this morning?
   A seeing B see C sees
8. Beth usually……karate lessons on Tuesdays.
   A has B is having C have



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