PRESENT SIMPLE vs PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1.- My father _____ (read) the "Times" newspaper, but I _____ (read) the "Guardian".
- 2.- Juan _____ (say) he _____ (do) a lot of fishing, but he never (catch) anything.
- 3.- What _____ (you / watch) on the TV? I (watch) a programme about wildlife in the Artic.
- 4.- I _____ (not know) which train to catch.
- 5.- Look! The bus _____ (come) 6.- We usually _____ (go) out to dinner on Saturday evenings.
- 7.- My brother _____ (travel) a lot in his job.
- 8.- I _____ (not understand) the sign over there. What _____ (it / mean)? 9.- Things _____ (fall) to the ground because of gravity.
- 10.- These days, more and more people _____ (go) abroad for their holidays.
- 11.- We _____ (paint) the flat at the moment.
- 12.- Paul (live) in Hastings and (work) as a civil engineer.
- 13.- Why ______ (that machine / not / work) now?
- 14.- The President of the USA _____ (not / live) in New York.
- 15.- Why _____ (you / wait) outside the door?
- 16.- This is a great party. I ______ (have) a lovely time.
- 17.- When _____ (you / leave) home in the morning? 18.- Sorry, Mary can't speak to you. She _____ (wash) her hair.
- 19.- That can't be right! I _____ (not / believe) it!
- 20.- My nephew is a great cook! This cake _____ (taste) wonderful.
- 21.- Where ______ (you / go)? I haven't finished talking to you. 22.- I ______ (not / take) the bus to school today.
- 23.- What's the matter? Why _____ (you / stare) at me like that?
- 24.- You should go on a diet, you _____ (put) on weight.
- 25.- In the winter, what _____ (you / wear)?
- 26.- Everybody knows that the Earth _____ (go) round the sun.

- 27.- Congratulation! Your English _____ (get) much better!
- 28.- Cats ______ (hate) water.
- 29.- Look! The sun _____ (shine) 30.- Sophia _____ (prepare) a sandwich for herself at the moment, but I ______ (prefer) to eat salads.
- 31.- I ______ (smell) something good. Is it soup?
- 32.- I'm not happy at work. I _____ (look) for a new job.
- 33.- What ______ (Susan / do)? She is a flight attendant.
- 34.- The sun _____ (rise) in the east.

KEY

- 1.- reads / read 2.- says / does / catches
- 3.- are you watching / I'm watching
- 4.- don't know
- 5.- is coming
- 6.- go
- 7.- travels
- 8.- don't understand / what does it mean?
- 9.- fall
- 10.- are going
- 11.- are painting
- 12.- lives / works
- 13.- isn't that machine working?
- 14.- doesn't live
- 15.- are you waiting
- 16.- am having
- 17.- do you leave
- 18.- is washing
- 19.- don't believe
- 20.- tastes
- 21.- are you going
- 22.- am not taking
- 23.- are you staring
- 24.- are putting on
- 25.- do you wear
- 26.- goes
- 27.- is getting
- 28.- hate
- 29.- is shining
- 30.- is preparing / prefer

- 31.- smell
- 32.- am looking
- 33.- does Susan do
- 34.- rises