

UNIT 1

Present Simple and Present Continuous

The **Present Simple** is used to talk about

- a actions done regularly or frequently, often with adverbs like **never**, **seldom**, **occasionally**, **sometimes**, **often**, **usually** and **always**.
- *David usually plays football on Saturday.* • *What do you do in the evenings?*
- b facts that are always or usually true.
- *Elephants don't eat meat.* • *She comes from Cairo.*

The **Present Continuous** is used to talk about things that are happening now, at the moment of speaking, often with adverbs like **now**, **at the moment**, **at present**, **today**, **this week**, etc.

- *Elena is writing a letter at the moment. She's writing to Maria.*

A Complete the sentences, using the Present Simple or the Present Continuous.

- 1 He always _____ chocolate after lunch. (eat)
- 2 I can't come. I _____ my mother. (help)
- 3 They _____ hard enough at present. (not / study)
- 4 They often _____ coffee in the evenings. (drink)
- 5 Clara occasionally _____ to the theatre. (go)
- 6 Yukiko _____ a bath now. (have)
- 7 We _____ a cake at the moment. (make)
- 8 I never _____ cigarettes. (smoke)
- 9 She _____ her hair twice a week. (wash)
- 10 Lisa _____ her sister's car today. (drive)
- 11 The Amazon _____ into the Atlantic. (flow)
- 12 Many birds _____ south for the winter. (fly)

B Write full sentences using the information given.

EXAMPLE: You / enjoy / the party? Are you enjoying the party?

- 1 You / speak / Greek? _____
- 2 Bill / know / Mr Jameson? _____
- 3 We / not live / in a large house. _____
- 4 Alexander / not go / to the beach very often. _____
- 5 I / have to / attend the ceremony? _____
- 6 Jane / watch / television at the moment? _____
- 7 Costas / not work / in a bank. _____
- 8 The children / not listen / to their mother now. _____
- 9 Theo / live / in New York? _____
- 10 William / study / at the moment? _____
- 11 Where / you / usually spend / your holidays? _____
- 12 I / not earn much money at present. _____

The following verbs do **not** normally take the **Continuous** form:

- believe, belong, contain, dislike, doubt, hate, impress, know, like, love, mean, need, owe, own, prefer, resemble, seem, suppose, surprise, understand, want, wish

The following verbs can be used in the **Simple or Continuous** form but with different meanings:

- appear, feel, see, smell, taste, think

C Complete the sentences, using the correct present tense of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 A famous actress _____ in a play at the local theatre. (appear)
- 2 I'm sure she _____ tea to coffee. (prefer)
- 3 His story _____ to be true. (appear)
- 4 George _____ of visiting Turkey this summer. (think)
- 5 Rupert says the book _____ to him. (belong)
- 6 The director _____ that would be a mistake. (believe)
- 7 Louisa _____ having supper late. (hate)
- 8 This pasta _____ simply delicious. (taste)
- 9 There _____ to be something wrong with the photocopier. (seem)
- 10 Now I _____ what the teacher _____. (understand, mean)
- 11 You'd better not drink that milk. It _____ bad. (smell)
- 12 Frank _____ me a lot of money! (owe)

D Complete the sentences, using the correct present tense of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 He usually _____ very hard, but he _____ at all today because it's a holiday. (work, not / work)
- 2 Look! That man _____ out of the bank! And he _____ a large bag full of money! (run, carry)
- 3 I don't mind babysitting for you. Your baby never _____. (cry)
- 4 Every time he _____ a photo, his hand _____, and his photos never _____ good. (take, shake, look)
- 5 'Can you come out for a drink with us later?' 'Sorry, I _____ Liza with her work, and it'll take us hours to finish it.' (help)
- 6 She usually _____ a BMW, but today she _____ her husband's Volvo. (drive)
- 7 'Where do you live?' 'Normally I _____ in Paris with my parents, but at the moment I _____ in London, so I _____ with an English family.' (live, study, live)
- 8 I know you _____ because you _____ out of the window! (not / listen, look)
- 9 Julia _____ five languages fluently, and at the moment she _____ as a translator. (speak, work)
- 10 I _____ three pullovers in winter because I always _____ cold. (wear, feel)
- 11 Wood _____ on water. (float)
- 12 'Why _____ you _____?' 'Because nobody _____ me, that's why!' (cry, love)

KEY

Unit 1

A

- 1 eats
- 2 'm helping
- 3 aren't studying
- 4 drink
- 5 goes
- 6 is having
- 7 are making
- 8 smoke
- 9 washes
- 10 is driving
- 11 flows
- 12 fly

B

- 1 Do you speak Greek?
- 2 Does Bill know Mr Jameson?
- 3 We don't live in a large house.
- 4 Alexander doesn't go to the beach very often.
- 5 Do I have to attend the ceremony?
- 6 Is Jane watching television at the moment?
- 7 Costas doesn't work in a bank.
- 8 The children aren't listening to their mother now.
- 9 Does Theo live in New York?
- 10 Is William studying at the moment?
- 11 Where do you usually spend your holidays?
- 12 I'm not earning much money at present.

C

- 1 is appearing
- 2 prefers
- 3 appears
- 4 is thinking
- 5 belongs
- 6 believes
- 7 hates
- 8 tastes
- 9 seems

10 understand, means

11 smells

12 owes

D

- 1 works, isn't working
- 2 is running, is carrying
- 3 cries
- 4 takes, shakes, look
- 5 am helping
- 6 drives, is driving
- 7 live, am studying, am living
- 8 aren't listening, are looking
- 9 speaks, is working
- 10 wear, feel
- 11 floats
- 12 are you crying, loves

Unit 2

A

- 1 went
- 2 has lent
- 3 drove away
- 4 closed down
- 5 has been lying
- 6 has just passed
- 7 has been studying
- 8 came
- 9 has been trying
- 10 has already told
- 11 hasn't taken
- 12 have left
- 13 fell
- 14 have just had
- 15 have forgotten

B

- 1 When did you last go to Spain?
- 2 Have you ever spoken to a film star?
- 3 Did you spend a lot of money last month?
- 4 I haven't said anything up to now.
- 5 Laura hasn't had a holiday so far this year.

6 Have you seen any good films lately?

7 Have you ever been to Japan?

8 Has Helmut written to you yet?

9 Did the boys finish their homework yesterday?

10 Rolf didn't buy the leather jacket last week.

C

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| 1 for | 6 for |
| 2 since | 7 since |
| 3 for | 8 for |
| 4 Since | 9 since |
| 5 for | 10 for |

D

- 1 have died
- 2 crashed
- 3 was
- 4 saw
- 5 alerted
- 6 rushed
- 7 have been working
- 8 have just managed
- 9 has already taken
- 10 have not released
- 11 has sentenced
- 12 told
- 13 (had) stopped
- 14 wanted
- 15 found
- 16 asked
- 17 decided
- 18 sent

Unit 3

A

- 1 was getting
- 2 was shining
- 3 was snowing
- 4 was reading
- 5 were singing