

PRESENT TENSE SIMPLE AND PRESENT TENSE CONTINUOUS

THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK AND PRACTICE

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<u>PRESENT SIMPLE TENSE</u>	<u>PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affirmative: S+V+ S/ES(3rd person singular) <u>John reads</u> stories every day Interrogative: DO/DOES + S + V? <u>Does John read stories</u> every day? Negative: S+ DO/DOES+ NOT +V <u>John does not read stories</u> every day. <p>Short negative forms: DO+ NOT= DON'T DOES + NOT= DOESN'T</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADVERBS: always, usually, often, sometimes, never, every day , (every+..) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affirmative: S+ AM/ARE/IS+ V+ ING <u>John is reading</u> a story today. Interrogative: AM/ARE/IS+ S+ V+ ING? <u>Is John reading</u> a story today? Negative: S+ AM/ ARE/ IS+ NOT+ V+ ING <u>John is not reading</u> a story today. <p>Short negative forms: ARE+ NOT= AREN'T IS + NOT = ISN'T</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADVERBS: Now, right now today, at the moment, at present, etc.

<u>PRESENT SIMPLE IS USED:</u>	<u>PRESENT CONTINUOUS IS USED:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>For permanent states, repeated actions and routines.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My mother works in a hospital. (permanent state) • He always drives to work. (routine/ repeated action) • <i>For general truth and laws of nature</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birds fly. • The earth moves around the sun. • Water boils at 100 C. • <i>For future planned events (timetables: planes, trains and programmes)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plane from London arrives at 10 pm. • The shop opens at 9 am and closes at 8 pm. • <i>For sport commentaries, reviews and narration.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The player kicks the ball and he scores. • Tom Cruise acts in Mission Impossible 3. • Then the princess leaves the castle and decides to live in the woods. • <i>To give instructions or directions.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You mix eggs, milk and sugar to make this cream. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For actions taking place at the moment of speaking; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am talking to you. • For actions that are going on now , but not at the moment of speech: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am reading a fantastic book these days. • With adverbs such as: always, constantly, continually, etc, for irritating actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are always interrupting me when I am talking to your teacher. • For personal future planned events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are moving house next month. • For changing or developing situations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is getting colder and colder. • More and more children are becoming overweight.

I. PUT THE VERBS IN BRACKETS IN THE PRESENT SIMPLE TENSE:

1. My grandmother usually (drink)..... coffee in the morning.
2. They never (drive)their cars fast in the city centre.
3. Tony always (watch)..... horror movies on Saturday night.
4. My best friend sometimes (ride)..... the bike to school.
5. (you/ always/ listen)..... to rock music?
6. (Amy/ knit).....sweaters every summer?
7. Mike (take).....the dog for a walk every Sunday morning
8. (mother/ bake).....pies every afternoons?
9. Simon (live).....in L. A.
10. I (not/ like).....dancing.
11. Andrew (wash).....his car every evening.
12. Martha (enjoy).....working in the garden
13. (Bobby/ take).....the bus to work every day?
14. Kangaroos (not/ live).....in Romania.
15. I always (buy).....fresh vegetables from the local market.
16. The football player (kick).....the ball and he (score).....
17. She (mix).....chocolate, milk and eggs to make this cream.
18. We (play).....tennis every Saturday.
19. The teacher (mark).....our assignments every week.
20. What (you/ usually/ have).....for breakfast?
21. This shop always (close).....at 5 pm every Friday.
22. My sister (enjoy).....reading. She (read).....a book every week.
23. Anetta never (cross)..... the street without her mother.
24. I sometimes (visit).....my grandparents in the weekends.
25. The waiter who (work).....is from Greece.

II. PUT THE VERBS IN BRACKETS IN THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE:

1. I (listen).....to some pop music right now.
2. Monica (paint).....her room at the moment.
3. What (the children/ do).....? I can't hear them.
4. What (mother/ cook).....? It smells delicious.
5. I (drive).....to work today.
6. He (play).....his favourite song right now.
7. I (walk)..... in the park right now.
8. I do not know what is wrong with my brother, but he (be).....impolite today.
9. You (always/ call)..... me when I am sleeping!
10. Where is Raymond? He (swim).....in the pool.
11. Mariah (write)..... a novel at the moment.
12. We (write).....our homework now.
13. Where (you/go).....?
14. What (you/ eat).....?
15. I (fly).....to London tomorrow afternoon.
16. The dog (chase).....the cat around the house right now.
17. The housekeeper (clean).....the house right now.
18. My father (talk)..... on the phone. Don't disturb him!
19. These workmen (always/ complain).....! They are never satisfied!
20. (Mary/bake)..... a cherry pie now?
21. Why (Lauren/ learn)..... Chinese?
22. My child (cry).....now as he has lost his favourite toy.
23. The boys (not/ swim)....., they (bathe).....
24. Why (you/ yell).....? I (be) not deaf!
25. Look! It (rain)..... We can't go for a walk.

III. PUT THE VERBS IN BRACKETS IN THE PRESENT SIMPLE OR PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE:

1. What (you/do).....in your free time?
I usually (watch) TV or (play)
.....computer games.
2. My father (work).....in a factory.
(He/ work)..... today?
3. (You/ want).....to go for a walk?
I can't. I (wait)..... for the plumber to come and repair the
pipes.
4. (Mike/ know)..... how to scuba dive?
Not yet, but he (learn).....
5. (you /play).....baseball tonight?
No. I (study)..... for my English exam.
6. Why (you/ smell)that pie?
It (smell)..... weird.
7. Marie (be)..... such a well-behaved girl.
Why (she/ be).....so disobedient today, then?
8. Would you like to watch a movie tonight?
I am sorry, I can't. I (see)my lawyer tonight.
9. I (think) about painting my room green.
I (think)that's a brilliant idea.
10. Why (you/ taste).....that steak?
It (taste).....a bit bland. I (think).....it
(need)..... a little bit of salt.
11. What (you/ look).....for?
My raincoat. It (look).....as if it's going to rain.
12. (you/ wait)..... for someone?
No, I (look)..... for my driver.
13. (you/ come).....tonight?

- I can't. I (visit).....my grandparents.
14. (you/ like).....my new pair of shoes?
15. (John/ eat).....peaches?
- Yes, he (do).....sometimes but he (prefer)..... apricots.
16. When (be)the next flight to Rome?
- The next one (take off).....at 9 pm
17. (you/ have).....breakfast?
- Yes, every day at 7 am
18. I usually (drink)..... coffee, but this morning I
(drink)..... milk.
19. Mary usually (travel).....to work by bus, but this
morning she (go).....by bike.
20. What (you/ do)..... right now?
- I (read).....the latest novel of Jojo Moyes.
21. Why (Tom/stay)..... with us?
- Because he (look)..... for a bigger flat.
22. Where is your sister?
- I (not/ know)..... I haven't seen her.
23. My mother always (bake).....apple pies on Sundays, but today
she (bake).....cheese pie.
24. My father always (read).....the Times, but today he
(read).....a magazine.
25. What (you/ do).....tonight?
- I (see).....my fiancée.

IV. **Read the text and choose the best answer for each question.**

Today, millions of people want to learn or improve their English but it is difficult to find the best method. Is it better to study in Britain or America or to study in your own country?

The advantages of going to Britain seem obvious. Firstly, you will be able to listen to the language all the time you are in the country. You will be surrounded completely by the language wherever you go. Another advantage is that you have to speak the language if you are with other people. In Italy, it is always possible, in the class, to speak Italian if you want to and the learning is slower.

On the other hand, there are also advantages to staying at home to study. You don't have to make big changes to your life. As well as this, it is also a lot cheaper than going to Britain but it is never possible to achieve the results of living in the UK. If you have a good teacher in Italy, I think you can learn in a more concentrated way than being in Britain without going to a school.

So, in conclusion, I think that if you have enough time and enough money, the best choice is to spend some time in the UK. This is simply not possible for most people, so being here in Italy is the only viable option. The most important thing to do in this situation is to maximise your opportunities: to speak only English in class and to try to use English whenever possible outside the class.

SOURCE: <http://www.esl-lounge.com/student/reading/3r1-learn-english-reading.php>

1. What is the article about?
 - a. How many people learn English.
 - b. The best way to learn English.
 - c. English schools in England and America.

2. What is one of the advantages of going to the UK to learn English?
 - a. There are no Italians in Britain.
 - b. You will have to speak English and not your language.
 - c. The language schools are better.

3. What is one of the advantages of staying in your country to learn English?
 - a. The teachers aren't very good in Britain.
 - b. You have to work too hard in Britain.
 - c. Your life can continue more or less as it was before.

4. People who don't have a lot of time and money should...
 - a. Learn English in Britain.
 - b. Try and speak English in class more often.
 - c. Go to Italy to learn English.

WRITING:

You are in the school yard during a break. Describe what you see, hear, smell and taste.
Use 10 verbs in **present simple tense** and 10 verbs in **present continuous tense**. Write 15 lines/
150 words.

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