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| **Simple vs. Continuous Tenses: Present** | | |
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| **FORM:** | **Present Continuous:**  **“to be” (simple present) + “ing”** |  |
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| **USE:** | Use **Simple Present** tense for habits or states that exist today, tomorrow, or forever.  Use **Present Continuous** for an action that is happening now. | |
| **EXAMPLES:** | *Everyday, I go to school to study English, but right now, I am watching TV because I want to improve my accent.* | |

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| *Supply the SIMPLE PRESENT or the PRESENT CONTINUOUS as required by the meaning of the sentence.* |

1. Mr. Hanson often \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(travel) to Miami on business.
2. Our class \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(meet) three times a week.
3. Ms. MacMillan \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(supervise) the project. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (replace) Mr. O’Brian who is on vacation.
4. At nine-thirty every morning, our school bell\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(ring). Listen! I believe it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(ring) now.
5. Stella \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(watch) TV now. I think that she always\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(watch) the same program at this time.
6. Shhh! I think the baby \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (cry); maybe he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) a bad dream.
7. At this moment, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(read) sentence number 8 in the exercise.
8. James never \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(wake) up on time; he always \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(sleep) through his alarm.
9. It always\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(snow) hard in this part of the country.
10. For the time being, while I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(paint) my apartment, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(stay) with my friend Alice.
11. Sears\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(have) a big sale on summer clothes today.
12. Kim seems to be very busy. I guess she\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(study) for her English test.
13. I\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(get up) at seven o’clock every morning.
14. Gloria usually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(play) golf when she\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(take) a vacation, but this time she\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(sightsee).
15. Martha always\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(bake) bread on Saturday morning. I think she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(make) some now.
16. The Thompsons \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(build) a summer cottage on Euclid Drive.