

EXERCICIS DE PRESENT SIMPLE I PRESENT CONTINU

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A) PRESENT SIMPLE

A. Write the verbs in the third person singular.

1. I fly - it **flies**
2. You run - he _____
3. We catch - she _____
4. I play - she _____
5. We hurry - he _____
6. You stay - she _____
7. I do - he _____
8. You see - he _____
9. They take - he _____

B. Fill in the blanks with the present simple of the verb in brackets.

John Fields is (be) a farmer. He _____ (get up) at 5 o'clock in the morning. He _____ (wash), _____ (dress) and _____ (have) breakfast. He _____ (put) on his coat and _____ (go) outside. He _____ (milk) the cows early in the morning. His wife and children _____ (not/get up) so early. They _____ (get up) at seven o'clock. His wife _____ (feed) the chickens and then she _____ (make) some tea. They usually _____ (drink) milk. At 7.30 John _____ (take) the children to school. His wife _____ (do) the housework and John _____ (work) on the farm. At 4 o'clock the children _____ (come) home from school. Mrs. Fields _____ (cook) dinner. John _____ (not/help) his wife with the cooking. In the evening John and his wife _____ (watch) TV or _____ (listen) to the radio. The children _____ (not/watch) TV. They _____ (do) their homework. They all _____ (go) to bed at 9 p.m. They _____ (be) all very tired.

C. Put the adverbs in brackets in the correct place in the sentences.

1. She is late for work. (always) She is always late for work
2. George eats meat. (never) _____
3. Does Tim go to school by taxi? (usually) _____
4. We spend the summer in France. (usually) _____
5. Kate doesn't go to the cinema. (often) _____
6. Simon does his Maths homework. (never) _____
7. I dance at discos. (seldom) _____

B) PRESENT CONTINUOUS

D. Fill in the blanks with the present continuous of the verb in brackets and underline the time expression if there is one.

1. Look! Lulu _____ (have) a bath.
2. Barbara _____ (stay) in a hotel this week.
3. Where is Cleo? She _____ (wash) her hair.
4. What's Mum doing? She _____ (cut) up the vegetables for dinner.
5. Miss Brown _____ (teach) us this week because Mr Edwards is ill.

6. Listen! Those birds _____ (sing) in our garden again.
7. Look! Chris _____ (light) the fire for the picnic.
8. They are on the beach. Harry _____ (teach) Irene how to swim.
9. The twins _____ (wear) warm clothes today.
10. Archie _____ (sleep) in the dining room this week because they _____ (paint) the kitchen.

E. Write sentences as in the example.

1. The man is sleeping. (fish) **No! The man isn't sleeping. He's fishing.**
2. The two boys are lying on the sand. (swim) _____
3. The fat boy is laughing. (cry) _____
4. The dog is eating. (drink) _____
5. The two girls are water-skiing. (read) _____
6. The young man is reading. (listen to the radio) _____

F. Fill in the blanks with the present continuous of the verb in brackets.

This is London airport. Many people are waiting (wait) to go on holiday. The woman at the check-desk _____ (take) the passengers' tickets and she _____ (ask) them some questions. At «Passport Control» a man who _____ (wear) a uniform _____ (look) at everyone's passports. Some people _____ (sit) on chairs and while they _____ (wait) they _____ (read) books or magazines. There is a bar where a man _____ (serve) tea and coffee. Outside, a plane _____ (take) off and another one _____ (come) down. Some men _____ (put) the passengers' bags into another plane. A man who _____ (leave) _____ (say) goodbye to his family.

C) PRESENT SIMPLE AND CONTINUOUS

G. Choose a time expression from the box to complete the sentences.

1. Mother does her shopping on Saturdays.
2. We go to school _____
3. He can't talk to you. He is talking on the phone _____
4. They _____ go to work on Sundays. They stay at home.
5. We can't go out. It is raining _____
6. She _____ walks her dog but _____ her mother is walking the dog.
7. We eat breakfast _____
8. She's eating lunch _____
9. Father and mother watch TV _____
10. He _____ eat sweets. He doesn't like them very much.
11. He likes sports. He _____ plays tennis.

H. Fill in the blanks with the present continuous or the simple present of the verb in brackets

1. He often _____ (go) to the cinema.
2. They _____ (watch) TV at the moment.
3. John is outside. He _____ (wash) the car.
4. Nina usually _____ (drive) to work.
5. Father _____ (sit) on the chair now.
6. Claire _____ (not / like) pizza.

I. Fill in the blanks with the present continuous or the simple present of the verb in brackets

Dear Susan,

Here I **am** (be) in sunny Greece. The weather _____ (be) fantastic. We _____ (have) a wonderful time. At the moment I _____ (lie) beside the swimming pool with my friend James. We _____ (swim) every day and at night we _____ (eat) in a restaurant and then we _____ (dance) in the disco.

See you next week. Love,

Sally

J. Fill in the blanks with a verb from the box in the correct tense.

Mr Simmons **is travelling** by train. He _____ to work. He _____ in a shop. He _____ video games. He _____ the newspaper at the moment and he _____ because he _____ at a funny cartoon. He _____ a hat and he _____ an umbrella with him because it _____ today.

EXERCISES ON THE PRESENT TENSES.

Name _____ Group: _____

A) PRESENT SIMPLE

A. Rewrite the following sentences in the negative form using the words in brackets.

1. Mrs. Warren drinks coffee at night.(tea)

Mrs Warren doesn't drink tea at night

2. They eat a big breakfast every day. (lunch)

3. The buses always stop at the supermarket. (bank)

4. Dan speaks Spanish very well. (French)

5. I like fresh vegetables. (fruit)

6. We own a new car. (motorbike)

7. George practises the piano every afternoon. (in the morning)

8. Sally's brother and sister ride their bicycles to school. (to the beach)

B. Use the appropriate wh-question to ask about the underlined words.

1. **What do you study?**

I study English.

2. _____

They finish school at one o'clock.

3. _____

She visits her grandmother every Friday.

4. _____

The last bus leaves in five minutes.

5. _____

The dog eats meat.

6. _____

She lives in Seville.

7. _____

They go to the beach every Tuesday.

8. _____

John and Bill like eggs for breakfast.

B) PRESENT CONTINUOUS

A. Fill in the blanks with the present continuous of the verb in brackets and underline the time expression if there is one. .

1. We **are waiting** (wait) for the bus now.
2. They _____ (go) to the beach today
3. The dog is hungry. It _____ (bark) at the moment.
4. Peggy is tired. She _____ (lie) on the grass.
5. Stop! You _____ (drive) too quickly!
6. Mother _____ (bake) a chocolate cake.
7. Billy _____ (clap) his hands.
8. I _____ (try) to play the piano.
9. They _____ (dig) a big hole.
10. The child _____ (jump) up and down.

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C) PRESENT SIMPLE AND CONTINUOUS

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1. I _____ (do) my homework right now.
2. What is she cooking now? I _____ (smell) something good.
3. They _____ (play) football at the moment.
4. We _____ (belong to) a video club.
5. This exercise is easy. I _____ (understand) the rule.
6. He _____ (write) a letter to his grandparents at the moment.
7. They _____ (want) to go to the new film now.
8. I _____ (hear) a noise. Someone is coming.
9. The bell _____ (ring) right now.
10. They _____ (seem) angry.
11. I _____ (believe) he's working today.

12. She _____ (taste) the cake mixture. It needs more sugar.
13. I _____ (know) my mother's favourite colour. It is blue.
14. The dentist _____ (see) my sister at the moment.
15. Don't talk to him now. He _____ (think).
16. I _____ (hear) the train coming.
17. Helen _____ (prefer) the pink blouse.
18. I _____ (like) this macaroni. Please give me some more.
19. This is my book. It _____ (belong) to me.
20. The nurse _____ (weigh) the baby at the moment.

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1. I _____ (go) to town right now. I _____ (want) some groceries.
2. He _____ (write) a letter to his family now. He _____ (never) forgets to write.
3. He _____ (not think) it is a good idea. He _____ (want) to do something else.
4. She _____ (talk) to her friend at the moment. She _____ (not listen) to the teacher.
5. I _____ (read) an interesting book now. I _____ (enjoy) it very much.
6. We _____ (watch) the news on television every morning.
7. He _____ (teach) his friend how to play chess now. His friend _____ (not know) how to play.
8. I _____ (believe) you. You _____ (not need) to explain.
9. The film _____ (begin) right now. Please be quiet.
10. The sun is shining. It _____ (not rain).

PRESENT SIMPLE AND CONTINUOUS

- A. Fill in the blanks with the present simple or present continuous of the verbs in brackets. 1. A. _____ (he / write) a letter of praise or one of complaint?
 B. Oh, I'm sure he _____ (not write) a letter of praise, he _____ (never praise) anyone!
2. A. _____ (he / take) milk and sugar in his coffee?
 B. Well, he _____ (take) milk, but he _____ (not take) sugar. He _____ (prefer) sweetener if there is any.
3. A. How often _____ (you / change) your car?
 B. We _____ (usually / change) it every five years, but that _____ (depend) on the condition of the car.
 A. _____ (you / sell) your Fiat by any chance? If so, I'd like to buy it.

4. A. _____ (Daniel / leave) for Scandinavia tomorrow morning?
 B. Well, he has his tickets, but he _____ (not have) his visa yet.
5. A. _____ (your sisters / study) ballet this year?
 B. No, they _____. Miriam _____ (study) music while Rachel _____ (prefer) painting.
6. A. What _____ (be) green, _____ (have) seven legs and _____ (eat) very tall trees and people?
 B. I _____ (not know), but I certainly _____ (not want) to meet it.
7. A. Roy hasn't been doing very well at school lately. What _____ (he / usually do) every afternoon after school?
 B. He _____ (play) basketball, _____ (help) teach small children and _____ (visit) his friends. He _____ (not have) much time for homework.
8. A. At what time _____ (Eve / come) home every day?
 B. Well, she's a very hard-working person; she _____ (not come) home until about 9 p.m.
9. A. Why _____ (Mike / stand) in the corridor when he should be in the classroom?
 B. Well, his teacher _____ (punish) him because he _____ (not know) how to behave.
10. A. _____ (you / understand) the difference between these two tenses?
 B. Not yet, but I _____ (do) best. Maybe you can help me.

B. Rewrite the following sentences without changing the meaning of the original sentence.

1. Whose bag is this? (belong)

2. Ron plans to leave for Rome next Wednesday. (is)

3. I'm always nervous when Peter drives.
 Peter's driving _____
4. The weight of this box is three kilos
 This box _____
5. He has the nasty habit of talking behind people's bags. (forever)

6. He isn't interested in literature.
 Literature _____
7. During lunch we will discuss this.
 While _____
8. In my opinion, Pavarotti is a great opera singer.
 I _____
9. Is it necessary to whistle all the time? (have)

10. Suzy paints better than David does. (as well as)
