

GRAMMAR PRACTICE. 1<sup>ST</sup> BATX. UNITS 1&2

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A. Match the five examples on the left with the various uses of the present simple and the present continuous on the right.

1. I smoke 20 cigarettes a day.
2. Smoking damages your health.
3. I 'm smoking a lot nowadays.
4. I 'm smoking.
5. I 'm giving up smoking next week.

Present continuous

- a) Present action
- b) Present situation that may not be happening at the moment of speaking
- c) Future plan / intention

Present simple

- d) Facts
- e) Habits / repeated actions.

1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_

B. An English teacher in London is talking to her students. Match her questions with their answers.

1. What are you reading, Adriana?
2. What do you read?
3. What do you do, Carlos?
4. What are you doing?
5. Where do you live, Christos?
6. Where are you living?

- a) Books about ancient history.
- b) Books about the classical period of Greek history
- a) I 'm an engineer.
- b) I 'm finishing this exercise.
- a) In Athens.
- b) With friends in a house in Kensdington

7. Yvette and Helen, What are you talking about?
8. What do you talk about?
9. Is it raining, Fabio?
10. Does it rtain?

- a) What we 're going to do after the class
- b) Lots of things, but usually boys.
- a) Only in the wet season.
- b) Not at the moment

11. What do you eat, Maria?
12. What are you eating, Maria?

- a) Vegetarian food.
- b) Some chocolate.

13. What language are you speaking, Marco and Dieter?
14. What language do you speak?

- a) English, of course.
- b) I speak Italian and Dieter speaks German

1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_  
9 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_\_\_ 13 \_\_\_\_\_ 14 \_\_\_\_\_

C. A man is phoning the police. Put the verbs in brackets into the present simple or the present continuous.

Hello. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) that the police? I \_\_\_\_\_ (ring) to complain about the noise which \_\_\_\_\_ (come) from the flat above me. They \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a party and they \_\_\_\_\_ (play) music - very loudly. The man who \_\_\_\_\_ (live) there \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a party every weekend. And every weekend I \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) him to turn the music down but he \_\_\_\_\_ (not take) any notice. And they \_\_\_\_\_ (not leave) until two or three in the morning. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not complain) very often. But tonight the noise is awful and it \_\_\_\_\_ (keep) me awake. Oh good, you \_\_\_\_\_ (send) a police car round. Where \_\_\_\_\_ (I live)? Oh, 36 Philbeach Gardens, London W8.

D. It is Tessa's first day at work. It is lunch time and Abby, a girl she works with, is telling her about the other

people in the dining room. Look carefully at the text. Some of the lines are correct and some have a mistake. If a line is correct, put a tick ( ) after it. If a line has a mistake in it, underline the mistake and write the correction in the brackets.

The girl over there works in the accounts department. At the moment	(1 _____)
she goes out with that boy who's waiting to use the phone. He	(2 _____)
works in the accounts department this week but normally he works	(3 _____)
in the marketing department. The man over there who's putting on	(4 _____)
his jacket is the sales manager. He's travelling a lot so we don't see	(5 _____)
him very often. The woman who sits opposite him is his secretary.	(6 _____)
Some people are thinking they're having an affair but I don't believe	(7 _____)
it. Then there's Emma Harrison, the marketing manager. She stands	(8 _____)
by the door. She start work at 7.30 and doesn't leave till 8.00 in the	(9 _____)
evening. The man at the next table is Neil Wilson. He smokes 60	(10 _____)
cigarettes a day. Apparently, he thinks of giving it up, but I don't think	(11 _____)
he will. He's getting married next month and he has his honeymoon in	(12 _____)
the Seychelles. He's the chief accountant. He's having his own space in	(13 _____)
the car park. He want to become the managing director.	(14 _____)

**E. a) Write down three things you are doing now and three you are not doing.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

**b) Write down three things you normally do and three you do not normally do.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

**F. Complete this newspaper story with verbs in the past simple. Choose from these verbs:**

**not know lose ring steal make go be(x2) get understand say take have**

On Tuesday last week Mrs Hilary Fox \_\_\_\_\_ her purse while on a shopping trip. When she \_\_\_\_\_ home the telephone \_\_\_\_\_. The man at the other end \_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_ the manager of a local supermarket and he \_\_\_\_\_ her purse. She immediately \_\_\_\_\_ back to the supermarket. But the manager \_\_\_\_\_ anything about her purse. But half an hour later she \_\_\_\_\_ the reason - the same thief who \_\_\_\_\_ her purse \_\_\_\_\_ the phone call. Then, while she \_\_\_\_\_ at the supermarket, he \_\_\_\_\_ the opportunity to steal everything in her flat as well as her purse.

**G. Rob Howell lived for a year in Spain. Complete the questions for his answers.**

1. When \_\_\_\_\_? - I went in August
2. Where \_\_\_\_\_? - I lived in Barcelona.

3. \_\_\_\_\_? - Yes, I got a job as an English teacher
4. How \_\_\_\_\_? - I found it through a friend
5. Who \_\_\_\_\_? - I taught groups of teenagers.
6. \_\_\_\_\_? - No, it wasn't well paid.

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**H. Read this newspaper story. Look carefully at the text. Some of the lines are correct and some have a mistake. If a line is correct, put a tick ( ) after it. If a line has a mistake in it, underline the mistake and write the correction in the brackets.**

Carl Harris was in Brixton prison, London. He works in the prison kitchen (1\_\_\_\_\_)

One morning he saw a chance to scape. A truck full of potatoes come into (2\_\_\_\_\_)

the prison yard. He took half the sacks of potatoes into the kitchen. The (3\_\_\_\_\_)

driver tells him to leave the rest in the truck. Harris then hid among the (4\_\_\_\_\_)

sacks of potatoes which was still on the truck. The truck then left the prison (5\_\_\_\_\_)

After half an hour the truck stopped and the driver gets out. Harris now (6\_\_\_\_\_)

thinks it was safe to come out. He couldn't believe it - he wasn't free, (7\_\_\_\_\_)

he was in another prison yard! The other sacks of potatoes were for the (8\_\_\_\_\_)

prisoners in Wandsworth Prison, London!

**I. Sam had a party last night. His parents arrived home in the middle of the party. Describe what they found. Put in the correct form of the verbs.**

There \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a lot of noise. Sam and his friends \_\_\_\_\_ (play) very loud music. A  
 lot of people \_\_\_\_\_ (not listen) to the music. They \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in the kitchen. They  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) chips and ice cream. One girl \_\_\_\_\_ (lie) on the piano. A boy  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (be) asleep on the sofa. He \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a rose between his teeth. The dog  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (hide) under the stairs.

**J. Justin is telling a friend how he met his wife. Read the text carefully. Some of the lines are correct and some have a mistake. If a line is correct, put a tick ( ) after it. If a line has a mistake in it, underline the mistake and write the correction in the brackets.**

I lived in Paris when I first met her (1\_\_\_\_\_)

She was working at the Louvre and she was having a flat by the river (2\_\_\_\_\_)

We were meeting at a café where we were sitting at separate tables. (3\_\_\_\_\_)

It was a beautiful spring day, and the sun shone. (4\_\_\_\_\_)

I went to the toilet when I bumped into her table and spilt her drink (5\_\_\_\_\_)

I apologised to her and bought her another drink. (6\_\_\_\_\_)

While I was having my coffee, she came over and sat at my table. (7\_\_\_\_\_)

While we were talking, the waiter was coming with our bill. (8\_\_\_\_\_)

But we didn't see him because we looked lovingly at each other. (9\_\_\_\_\_)

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