

The Simple Present vs the Present Continuous Tenses

Instruction: Circle all of the simple present verbs. Underline all of the present Continuous verbs.

Example: My sister visits me on Monday. Today she is visiting friends.

Exercise 1:

- A.**
- 1) My older sister works as a teacher for the largest school district in the county.
 - 2) Abdul loves to read international news.
 - 3) Teaching is a good job.
 - 4) Tatiana and her friend look for new smart phone “apps” each week.
 - 5) Right now my uncle is living in Nigeria.
 - 6) His wife and children are learning French and English.
 - 7) My father knows these languages already.
 - 8) He speaks four languages.
 - 9) He is learning to speak Spanish 10) because he wants to travel to Central America.
- B.**
- 1) My younger brother, Lan, is a student.
 - 2) He’s studying economics at our local community college.
 - 3) He works at a couple of part-time jobs during the school year.
 - 4) He likes to try different jobs.
 - 5) Right now he’s working for a printing company in the evenings.
 - 6) Also, he is managing a small Italian restaurant on the weekends.

Exercise 2: Write the correct form of the verb in each sentence. Choose the simple present or the present continuous tense.

Example: She (like) likes to watch TV at night.

He (talk) is talking on the phone right now.

1. Marco (sleep) _____ right now. Please call back later.
2. Tina (type) _____ all of her letters.
3. Mom and I (sit) _____ in good seats for the “Avengers: Infinity War” movie.

4. You (think) _____ all the time.
5. Please be quiet! I (listen to) _____ the teacher explain the lesson.
6. My mother and I (go) _____ to hair salon each month.
7. Cristina and you (sing) _____ in church today.
8. It (rain) _____ right now.
9. Ashanti (play) _____ soccer with Mohammed on Tuesday.
10. Valentina (wash) _____ her hair every morning.

Exercise 3: Fill in the correct missing word for each statement or question in the conversation.

1. A: Martina _____ working on the Math homework.
2. B: _____ she need help with the word problem?
3. A: Yes, _____ does.
4. B: _____ she having problems with the Algebra function?
5. A: No, _____ isn't.
6. A: _____ want to work on the money problem.
7. B: _____ the reading difficult?
8. A: Yes, it _____.
9. A: She _____ getting help from the teacher right now.
10. B: _____ you want me to help her?
11. A: Yes, I _____. Thank you.
12. B: No problem. I _____ happy to help Martina any time.
13. A: Do _____ want me to tutor her every Thursday?
14. B: No, _____ don't. She usually works part-time on Thursday.