

Present Simple vs Present Continuous – Test 1

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Choose the correct option (A, B, C or D) for each question.

Part 1: Form – affirmative, negative and questions

Choose the correct form to complete each sentence.

- Look! The children _____ in the garden.
A play B are playing C plays D is playing
- My brother _____ coffee every morning.
A drink B drinks C is drinking D drinking
- Ana _____ meat. She's a vegetarian.
A doesn't eat B don't eat C isn't eat D not eats
- _____ you usually walk to school?
A Do B Are C Does D Is
- Why _____ Tom wearing a coat? It's hot today.
A does B is C do D are
- We _____ TV right now. We're doing our homework.
A don't watch B aren't watching C not watching D doesn't watch
- She is _____ a letter to her cousin.
A writeing B writting C writing D writeng
- Where _____ your parents live?
A do B does C are D is

Part 2: Meaning and use

Choose the best option. Think about routines, actions happening now, facts and state verbs.

- I _____ to the gym twice a week.
A go B am going C goes D going
- Be quiet, please! The baby _____.
A sleeps B is sleeping C sleep D are sleeping
- I _____ what you mean.
A understand B am understanding C understands D am understand
- This soup _____ delicious. Can I have some more?
A tastes B is tasting C taste D are tasting
- Water _____ at 100 degrees Celsius.
A boils B is boiling C boil D are boiling

14. Kenji usually works in Tokyo, but this month he _____ in Osaka.
A works **B** is working **C** work **D** working
15. "Sara is living with her aunt this year." What does this sentence mean?
A Sara always lives with her aunt. **B** Sara's situation is temporary.
C Sara lived with her aunt in the past. **D** Sara never lives with her aunt.
16. My dad is cooking dinner _____.
A every day **B** at the moment **C** usually **D** on Sundays

Part 3: Correct sentences and common errors

Choose the correct sentence, find the mistake, or choose the right question or answer.

17. Choose the correct sentence.
A I am liking chocolate very much. **B** I like chocolate very much.
C I likes chocolate very much. **D** I liking chocolate very much.
18. Which part of the sentence is wrong? "My sister don't work on Saturdays."
A My sister **B** don't **C** work **D** on Saturdays
19. Choose the correct question.
A Does he plays football? **B** Is he play football?
C Does he play football? **D** Do he play football?
20. Which part of the sentence is wrong? "Listen! Somebody knocks at the door."
A Listen! **B** Somebody **C** knocks **D** at the door
21. A: What do you do? B: _____
A I'm a nurse. **B** I'm reading a book.
C I do my homework. **D** Yes, I do.
22. Choose the question for this answer: "I'm waiting for the bus."
A What do you wait for? **B** What are you waiting for?
C What you are waiting for? **D** What are you wait for?
23. Which part of the sentence is wrong? "Max is wanting a new bike for his birthday."
A Max **B** is wanting **C** a new bike **D** for his birthday

Part 4: Reading – complete the email

Read the email. Then choose the correct option for each gap (24–30).

Hi Priya,

How are you? I (24) ___ this email from my grandparents' house in the countryside. We usually (25) ___ our holidays at the beach, but this year we're here.

Every morning, my grandfather (26) ___ up at six o'clock and feeds the chickens. Right now he (27) ___ in the garden with my little brother. My grandmother (28) ___ a big lunch for everyone – it smells great!

I (29) ___ many people here, but I love it. (30) ___ you having a good summer?

Write soon,

Lucia

24. (24) I _____ this email from my grandparents' house.
A am writing **B** write **C** writes **D** writing
25. (25) We usually _____ our holidays at the beach.
A spend **B** are spending **C** spends **D** spending
26. (26) Every morning, my grandfather _____ up at six o'clock.
A gets **B** is getting **C** get **D** getting
27. (27) Right now he _____ in the garden with my little brother.
A works **B** is working **C** work **D** are working
28. (28) My grandmother _____ a big lunch for everyone – it smells great!
A cooks **B** is cooking **C** cook **D** are cooking
29. (29) I _____ many people here, but I love it.
A don't know **B** am not knowing **C** doesn't know **D** not know
30. (30) _____ you having a good summer?
A Are **B** Do **C** Is **D** Does

Answer key – Present Simple vs Present Continuous – Test 1

1 B	2 B	3 A	4 A	5 B	6 B	7 C	8 A	9 A	10 B
11 A	12 A	13 A	14 B	15 B	16 B	17 B	18 B	19 C	20 C
21 A	22 B	23 B	24 A	25 A	26 A	27 B	28 B	29 A	30 A

Explanations

- B** – 'Look!' shows the action is happening now, and 'children' is plural, so we use 'are playing'.
- B** – 'Every morning' is a routine, so we use the present simple with -s for he/she/it.
- A** – The present simple negative for he/she/it is 'doesn't' + base verb.
- A** – 'Usually' shows a habit, and present simple questions with 'you' use 'Do'.
- B** – 'Wearing' is a present continuous form, so the auxiliary for Tom is 'is'.
- B** – 'Right now' needs the present continuous, and the negative with 'we' is 'aren't' + -ing.
- C** – For verbs ending in -e, we drop the -e and add -ing: write → writing.
- A** – 'Live' here is a permanent situation in the present simple, and 'your parents' is plural, so we use 'do'.
- A** – 'Twice a week' describes a regular habit, so we use the present simple.
- B** – The baby is asleep at this moment, so we use the present continuous with 'is'.
- A** – 'Understand' is a state verb, so it is normally not used in the continuous.
- A** – Here 'taste' describes a quality (a state), so we use the present simple with -s.
- A** – This is a general fact, so we use the present simple.
- B** – 'This month' shows a temporary situation, so we use the present continuous.
- B** – The present continuous with 'this year' describes a temporary situation.
- B** – The present continuous goes with expressions for now, like 'at the moment'.
- B** – 'Like' is a state verb, so we use the present simple, and 'I' takes no -s.
- B** – With 'my sister' (she) we need 'doesn't', not 'don't'.
- C** – Present simple questions with he use 'Does' + base verb without -s.
- C** – 'Listen!' shows the action is happening now, so it should be 'is knocking'.
- A** – 'What do you do?' asks about someone's job, not about what they are doing now.
- B** – The answer is in the present continuous, so the question is 'What are you waiting for?' with the -ing form.
- B** – 'Want' is a state verb, so it should be 'wants', not 'is wanting'.
- A** – Lucia is writing the email at this moment, so we use the present continuous.
- A** – 'Usually' describes a habit, so we use the present simple.
- A** – 'Every morning' is a routine, and 'my grandfather' (he) needs -s.
- B** – 'Right now' needs the present continuous, with 'is' for he.
- B** – The lunch smells great now, so the cooking is happening at the moment.
- A** – 'Know' is a state verb, so we use the present simple negative 'don't know' with I.
- A** – 'Having' is a present continuous form, so the question with 'you' starts with 'Are'.

Notes for teachers: Use this test after teaching both tenses, or as a diagnostic before revision. It targets typical A2 errors: missing -s or does in the third person, the wrong auxiliary in questions (do/does vs am/is/are), using state verbs like like, know and want in the continuous, and mixing up 'What do you do?' with 'What are you doing?'. As a follow-up, students can write a short email about their routine and what they are doing this week, using both tenses.