

Present Simple vs Present Continuous – Test 2

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

Part 1: Form and spelling

Choose the correct form to complete each sentence.

- Leo is _____ a photo of the sunset.
A taking B takeing C takking D take
- My aunt _____ the dishes after dinner.
A washs B washes C washing D wash
- Priya and her brother _____ eat breakfast on weekdays.
A doesn't B don't C aren't D isn't
- I _____ working today. It's my day off.
A don't B doesn't C 'm not D not
- _____ your teacher give you a lot of homework?
A Do B Does C Is D Are
- What _____ Mia and Daniel talking about?
A is B do C does D are
- The swimmers are _____ in the lake.
A swimming B swiming C swimeing D swim
- My uncle is a pilot. He _____ to different countries every week.
A flys B flies C flyes D fly

Part 2: Meaning and use

Choose the option that best fits the meaning of each sentence.

- Ahmed _____ his bike to work on Mondays and Fridays.
A rides B is riding C ride D riding
- Can you call back later? I _____ a shower at the moment.
A have B has C 'm having D having
- It _____ a lot in this city in winter.
A snows B is snowing C snowing D snow
- This bag _____ to Elena. Her name is on it.
A belongs B is belonging C belong D belonging
- I _____ some help with this box. It's very heavy.
A need B 'm needing C needs D needing

14. We _____ go to the cinema on Fridays.
A usually **B** now **C** today **D** at the moment
15. Nadia's car is broken, so this week she _____ the train to work.
A takes **B** is taking **C** take **D** taking
16. Which sentence talks about a habit?
A Jun is playing the piano.
B Jun plays the piano after school.
C Look, Jun is playing the piano!
D Jun is playing the piano in the next room.

Part 3: Errors, questions and answers

Find the mistake, or choose the correct sentence, question or response.

17. Find the mistake: "Every Sunday we are visiting our grandparents in the village."
A Every Sunday **B** we are visiting **C** our grandparents **D** in the village
18. Find the mistake: "Hannah doesn't likes cold weather."
A Hannah **B** doesn't likes **C** cold **D** weather
19. Find the mistake: "Are you understand the question now, Sam?"
A Are you understand **B** the question **C** now **D** Sam
20. A: Are you enjoying the party? B: _____
A Yes, I am. The music is great! **B** Yes, I do.
C Yes, I enjoy. **D** Yes, it is enjoying.
21. Which question matches this answer? "No, she doesn't. She takes the bus."
A Is your sister driving to work? **B** Does your sister drive to work?
C Do your sister drive to work? **D** Does your sister drives to work?
22. A: How often _____ you see your cousins? B: About once a month.
A do **B** are **C** does **D** is
23. Which sentence is correct?
A She is knowing the answer. **B** Tom is play football now.
C They don't working today. **D** My friends are waiting outside.

Part 4: Reading – A blog post

Read the blog post and choose the correct option for each numbered gap.

Hi everyone! My name is Isabel and I volunteer at an animal shelter in my town. I (24) ___ there three days a week, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. My job is to feed the dogs and cats and take the dogs for walks.

Usually it's a quiet place, but this week is different. We (25) ___ ready for our open day on Sunday, so everyone is very busy. At the moment, my friend Tariq (26) ___ a big poster for the front door, and I'm writing this post on my break.

Tariq (27) ___ cats very much – he says they are too independent! But he (28) ___ dogs, and he walks them every evening after work. Right now, a little brown dog (29) ___ next to my chair. I think he wants my sandwich!

What about you? (30) ___ you have a pet? Write and tell me!

24. (24) I _____ there three days a week.

- A** work **B** am working **C** works **D** working

25. (25) We _____ ready for our open day on Sunday.

- A** get **B** are getting **C** gets **D** is getting

26. (26) At the moment, my friend Tariq _____ a big poster for the front door.

- A** paints **B** is painting **C** paint **D** are painting

27. (27) Tariq _____ cats very much.

- A** doesn't like **B** isn't liking **C** don't like **D** not likes

28. (28) But he _____ dogs.

- A** loves **B** is loving **C** love **D** loving

29. (29) Right now, a little brown dog _____ next to my chair.

- A** sits **B** is sitting **C** sitting **D** sit

30. (30) _____ you have a pet?

- A** Do **B** Are **C** Does **D** Is

Answer key – Present Simple vs Present Continuous – Test 2

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

Explanations

1. **A** – With verbs ending in -e, we drop the -e before adding -ing: take → taking.
2. **B** – Verbs ending in -sh add -es in the third person singular: she washes.
3. **B** – The present simple negative with a plural subject uses don't + base verb.
4. **C** – The present continuous negative is am/is/are + not + -ing: I'm not working.
5. **B** – Present simple questions with he/she/it (your teacher) use Does + base verb.
6. **D** – Present continuous questions use are with a plural subject: What are they talking about?
7. **B** – Short verbs ending in one vowel + one consonant double the consonant: swim → swimming.
8. **B** – Verbs ending in consonant + y change y to i and add -es: fly → flies.
9. **A** – We use the present simple for regular habits, here 'on Mondays and Fridays'.
10. **C** – 'At the moment' shows an action in progress now, so we use the present continuous.
11. **A** – This is a general fact about the city, so we use the present simple.
12. **A** – 'Belong' is a state verb, so we normally don't use it in the continuous form.
13. **A** – 'Need' is a state verb, so we use the present simple even when we talk about now.
14. **A** – 'Usually' is an adverb of frequency that goes with the present simple and comes before the main verb.
15. **B** – We use the present continuous for temporary situations, here 'this week'.
16. **B** – 'Plays ... after school' describes something Jun does regularly, so it is a habit.
17. **B** – 'Every Sunday' is a routine, so it should be 'we visit' (present simple).
18. **B** – After doesn't we use the base verb without -s: doesn't like.
19. **A** – 'Understand' is a state verb in the present simple, so the question is 'Do you understand...?'
20. **A** – A question with 'Are you...?' needs a short answer with am: Yes, I am.
21. **B** – The answer 'No, she doesn't' matches a present simple question with Does + base verb.
22. **A** – 'How often' asks about habits, so we use the present simple with do for 'you'.
23. **D** – 'Are waiting' is a correct present continuous form: be + verb-ing.
24. **A** – 'Three days a week' is a regular routine, so we use the present simple.
25. **B** – 'This week is different' shows a temporary situation, so we use the present continuous with 'we are'.
26. **B** – 'At the moment' shows an action in progress, and Tariq is singular, so we use 'is painting'.
27. **A** – 'Like' is a state verb, and the negative with he/she is doesn't + base verb.
28. **A** – 'Love' is a state verb here, so we use the present simple with -s for 'he'.
29. **B** – 'Right now' shows an action happening at this moment, so we use the present continuous.
30. **A** – 'Have' meaning own is a state verb, so the question uses Do + you + base verb.

Notes for teachers: Use this test after teaching both tenses, or as a review to find out which students still mix them up. It targets common A2 errors: missing third-person -s, wrong -ing spelling, using 'be' with the base form ('Are you understand?'), using continuous forms with state verbs, and using the continuous for routines. As a follow-up, ask students to write a short text about their normal week and what they are doing this week, using at least five verbs in each tense.