

Tenses Review (Present Simple and Present Continuous)

Exercise 1. Complete 1-8 with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

1. A shareholder is a person who owns (own) shares in a company and therefore gets (get) part of the company's profits.
2. The M11 goes (go) from Moscow to Saint Petersburg.
3. What time does the first flight to Sochi leave (the first flight to Sochi / leave)?
4. Because of frequent car accidents, it is taking (take) me much longer to get to the office.
5. I'm afraid Mr. Smith is busy at the moment. He is having (have) lunch with the clients.
6. I can give Mary this envelope. I am seeing (see) her tomorrow.
7. I will get back to you on this when I come back (come back) next week.
8. We are doing (do) a new research and hope to get accurate results.

Exercise 2. Write an appropriate question for these answers, using state verbs from the list.

Belong	taste	look	own	sound
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1. Q: How do these headphones sound?
A: I think so — I can't hear anything wrong with it.
2. Q: How does she look like?
A: She's short, with blond hair and green eyes.
3. Q: What would you like to taste?
A: Milk. I like neither tea nor coffee.
4. Q: How does this dish taste?
A: It's delicious.
5. Q: Who does this car belong?
A: It's mine.
6. Q: Do you own this car?
A: No, it's rental.

Exercise 3. Choose the correct words in *italics*.

1. As a rule, she catches / *is catching* an early morning train.
2. Right now he *designs* / is designing a new brochure.
3. We *stay* / are staying in this hotel for the time being.
4. On the whole I fulfill / *'m fulfilling* all the duties very responsibly.
5. They generally organize / *are organizing* staff meetings once a week.
6. This week a friend of mine *visits* / is visiting me.
7. Once in a while I help / *'m helping* my father with the bookkeeping.
8. Every autumn we have / *are having* an opportunity for promotion.
9. At the moment I *wait* / 'm waiting for the reply from the supplier.
10. Most of the time I don't believe / *'m not believing* his words.

Exercise 4. Identify and correct 12 errors.

Alex is considering himself a lucky man. He works as a fashion stylist for one of the TV channels, which is developing rapidly, especially starting this year. Alex loves traveling. At the moment he is working on a project, headed by a French designer, which means he is flying out to Paris about once a month. He already speaks fluent German, and he is learning French. He doesn't meet the other project managers in the office very often, because they are finishing a project for another TV company, but they are all getting on very well and talk 2 or 3 times a week by telephone. Alex also

follows a digital design course; he **submits** coursework by email and **attends** 2 intensive weeks twice a year in Moscow. Financially, Alex feels independent: right now, he is earning twice what most of his friends are bringing home, and the company is paying for his training course . In many ways, Alex **believes** he has the ideal job.