

UNIT 1

PRESENT SIMPLE PRESENT CONTINUOUS STATIVE VERBS

✓ CHECK WHAT YOU KNOW

Choose the correct sentence.

1

- a Frogs eat insects.
b Frogs are eating insects.



2

- a Don't worry – it is fixing now.
b Don't worry – it is being fixed now.



3

- a He forever loses his temper like that.
b He's forever losing his temper like that.



4

- a It is looking just like its owner.
b It looks just like its owner.



5

- a His bag weighs too much.
b His bag is weighing too much.



6

- a Are you going out?
b Do you go out?



Present Simple

Form	Use	Examples
<p>I / You / We / They play He / She / It plays I / You / We / They do not play He / She / It does not play Do I / you / we / they play? Does he / she / it play? Short forms: do not → don't does not → doesn't</p> <p>Passive: <i>am / is / are + past participle</i></p>	<p>1 habit or regular action 2 general truth or fact 3 permanent situation 4 future timetable / schedule 5 to tell jokes / stories; to describe sporting events 6 with stative verbs (see page 5)</p>	<p>Ben often works on Saturdays, doesn't he? Oranges grow in Mediterranean countries. Hannah doesn't live with her parents. Does the train leave at 6.30 tomorrow? Neymar kicks the ball and scores! I don't know the answer. English is spoken in New Zealand.</p>

Time Expressions: every day / week / month / year, on Thursdays, at the weekend, in summer / autumn, once / twice a day / week / month / year

- Time expressions usually come at the beginning or end of a sentence.
Once a year, we go on holiday. We go on holiday **once a year**.

Adverbs of Frequency: always, usually, often, frequently, sometimes, seldom, rarely, hardly (ever), never

- Adverbs of frequency usually come before the main verb or after the verb *be*.
Jack **hardly ever** misses school. Jack **is rarely** late for school.

For spelling rules when adding -s to the third person singular in Present Simple, see page 153.

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Present Continuous

Form	Use	Examples
I am playing He / She / It is playing You / We / They are playing I am not playing He / She / It is not playing You / We / They are not playing Am I playing? Is he / she / it playing? Are you / we / they playing? Short forms: is not → isn't are not → aren't Passive: am / is / are being + past participle	1 action happening at the time of speaking 2 temporary action or situation still in progress 3 future plans or arrangements 4 to show change or development 5 with <i>always, forever, constantly</i> when actions are annoying or funny	Look! It's snowing! I'm learning French this year. What time are they leaving tomorrow? New coffee shops are opening up all the time. You're always taking selfies! A new bridge is being built at the moment.

Time Expressions: now, right now, at the moment, today, at present, this year / week / morning, tonight, next week, soon, tomorrow, later

We're going to a museum **today**. Joanna **isn't watching** TV **right now**. Are you going away **next week**?

For spelling rules when adding *-ing* in Present Continuous, see page 153.

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Stative Verbs

Stative verbs describe states, not actions. Stative verbs are usually used in Present Simple, not Present Continuous. Some common stative verbs are:

appearance: appear, look (like), seem

emotions: dislike, feel like, hate, love, mind, need, prefer, want, wish

senses: feel, hear, see, smell, sound, taste

possession: belong to, have, owe, own, possess

measurement: cost, equal, measure, weigh

thoughts / opinions: agree, believe, doubt, feel, forget, guess, imagine, know, mean, notice, realize, recognize, remember, suppose, think, understand

It **appears** that he was lying.

I **love** watching the sun rise.

I **don't mind** babysitting tonight.

This food **tastes** strange.

Does that tablet **belong to** Charlotte?

Those shoes **cost** \$75.

What **does** this word **mean**?

Some stative verbs can be used in Present Continuous, but with a change in meaning.

Do you have any pets? (*possession*)

We're having pizza for lunch. (*eating*)

How much **does** the watermelon **weigh**? (*amount*)

The vet **is weighing** my puppy. (*action*)

You **don't** often **see** bears here. (*using the sense of sight*)

Are you seeing your friends later? (*meeting*)

Everyone **looks** tired. (*describing appearance*)

Grace **isn't looking** at the photos. (*action*)

This shampoo **smells** like lemons! (*describing a smell*)

She **is smelling** the roses. (*action*)

This chicken **doesn't taste** nice. (*describing a taste*)

I **'m tasting** the soup to see if it needs salt. (*action*)

I **think** this band's great. (*opinion*)

Sam **is thinking** of selling his motorbike. (*considering*)

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GRAMMAR PRACTICE

1 Circle the correct answer.

- Our planet **gets** / **is getting** warmer and warmer. Most scientists **agree** / **are agreeing** that this is a very serious problem.
- The new football season **begins** / **is beginning** in September. The team **doesn't have** / **isn't having** much time to prepare for it.
- People **are forever dropping** / **forever drop** litter in the street outside my house. I **never say** / **am never saying** anything but it **makes** / **is making** me really angry.
- The castle **stands** / **is standing** on the top of a hill. Some tourists **explore** / **are exploring** it at the moment.
- Paul **goes** / **is going** to the cinema with a friend tomorrow night. The cinema **offers** / **is offering** a *buy one ticket, get one free* deal every Wednesday.
- I really **like** / **am liking** your phone. How much **is it costing** / **does it cost**? I **am needing** / **need** a new one but I **don't want** / **am not wanting** to spend too much!

2 Write the time expressions and adverbs of frequency in the correct place.

- always** | **never** My dog ^{always} is jumping over the garden fence but he ^{never} runs away.
- usually** | **today** Max cycles to college but he's taking the bus.
- this year** | **rarely** Tanya is taking some extra classes so she has time to play tennis.
- right now** | **later** I'm working, but I'm meeting some friends.
- hardly ever** | **soon** Maria sees her friends during the summer but school is starting, so she'll see them there.
- at night** | **tonight** Zack usually works but he's staying at home.

3a Complete the text. Use Present Simple or Present Continuous.

To: annabelle84@gmail.com

Subject: My holiday

Hi Annabelle!

Guess what? At the beginning of July, I ¹ (spend) a week in Crete in the town of Agios Nikolaos. I'll be there during the cliff diving competition that ² (take) place every year and I really ³ (want) to go. Beth ⁴ (come) with me but don't worry – we ⁵ (not compete)! We both ⁶ (like) diving but not from a 20-metre-high rock! On the final evening, there's a special moonlight diving show. People can sit and watch the divers while they ⁷ (have) a drink in one of the cafés around the lake. The show ⁸ (look) amazing in all the videos I've seen!

Jessica


3b Complete the text with the passive form of the verbs given. Use Present Simple or Present Continuous.



Travel Tips

The beautiful town of Agios Nikolaos in Crete ¹ (visit) by many tourists every summer. People ² (attract) by the good weather and beautiful beaches. In July, some of the world's top divers take part in an exciting cliff diving competition at Lake Voulismeni, which ³ (locate) in the centre of the town. As part of the event this year, a special diving workshop ⁴ (organize), where professional divers will teach children basic diving skills. More and more extreme sports events ⁵ (hold) in amazing places around Greece these days – why not go and see one for yourself?

4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs. Use Present Simple or Present Continuous.




own | belong | know | look like

DanB I just found this watch. Does anyone
1 whose it is?

Kellie Not many people 2 a watch
these days!

Josh I think it 3 to Mr Green, the
geography teacher. It certainly
4 something he would wear.




have | smell | feel like | see

Nicki7 My breakfast 5 so good
this morning!

KateG I 6 you're hungry! I never
7 eating a big breakfast
in the morning!

Tom @Nicki7 Lucky you! Today, I 8 am
just cornflakes!



not have | think of | suppose | hate

Lily05 @Abby Check out these cute pups!
9 you still getting
a pet?

Abby ❤️ No. Mum says I 10
enough time to look after one.

Lily05 😞 I 11 she's right – it's a lot
of work. But I 12 the idea of
them not finding a home.

5 Circle the correct answer.

THE SMARTPHONE ZOMBIES ARE HERE!


A zombie invasion ¹ **happens / is happening** in cities around the world! These "zombies"
² **are moved / move** slowly along the streets with their heads down. But don't panic – I ³ **don't talk / am not talking**
about the zombies on TV series like *The Walking Dead*, but smartphone zombies! These people ⁴ **are calling /**
are being called zombies because they ⁵ **don't notice / aren't noticing** anything around them. The idea that we
⁶ **all turn / are all turning** into zombies might seem amusing but it's actually a very serious problem. Unfortunately, many
pedestrians ⁷ **hit / are hit** by cars because they ⁸ **cross / are crossed** the road without taking their eyes off their phones.
In many cities, steps ⁹ **are taking / are being taken** to warn people that they ¹⁰ **get / are getting** close to the road.
In some German cities, lights ¹¹ **are putting / are being put** at the edge of the pavement so that people who are looking
at their phones will see them and stop walking. In Seoul, where there have been lots of accidents, large warning signs
¹² **use / are used**. An app ¹³ **is also being developed / is also developed** at the moment that will warn people to look up
when they get near a road. Personally, I ¹⁴ **believe / am believing** there's an easier solution – just keep your phone in your
pocket while you are walking!



6 Complete the sentences. Use Present Simple or Present Continuous, active or passive.

- 1 The sound effects for a movie (add) after the film is finished.
- 2 Let's go home. I (not enjoy) this party.
- 3 How long (it / take) the Earth to travel around the sun?
- 4 Ruby (prefer) eating at home to eating out.
- 5 Plans (make) for a big music festival that will take place in the city next year.
- 6 Both English and Welsh (teach) in schools in Wales.
- 7 I (try) to watch the news but my phone keeps ringing.
- 8 Pamela is so careless. She (always / lose) her keys.
- 9 You (not need) to be very fit to take up yoga.
- 10 Why that bridge (knock down)? It's not that old.

Match to make dialogues.



ENGLISH Today

1 Hi, Emma! How's it going?

2 Do you mind if I open the window?

3 I don't suppose you know Josh's email, do you?

4 Are you being served?

a No, I'm just looking. Thanks.

b I'm sure I can find it for you.

c Everything's fine, thanks.

d Not at all. It's warm in here.

B2 EXAM PRACTICE

1 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

- 1 Bethany and William might move house next year. **THINKING**
Bethany and William moving house next year.
- 2 My grandparents often discuss politics during dinner. **HAVING**
My grandparents often discuss politics dinner.
- 3 They are painting the school over the summer. **BEING**
The school over the summer.
- 4 Kate often forgets to set her alarm. **CONSTANTLY**
Kate to set her alarm.
- 5 It doesn't often snow in November. **EVER**
It in November.
- 6 They play cricket in India and Pakistan. **IS**
Cricket in India and Pakistan.



2 Choose the word or phrase that best completes each sentence.

- 1 What Sheila for Christmas?
a you thinking of buying
b are you thinking of buying
c do you think you buy
d you think you are buying
- 2 The sun in the east.
a always rises
b rises always
c is always risen
d is always rising
- 3 "Hurry up or we'll miss the train!"
"But at nine?"
a isn't it left
b isn't leaving it
c don't it leave
d doesn't it leave
- 4 "Why are you throwing away the milk?"
"It very fresh to me."
a not smell
b doesn't smell
c smells not
d isn't smelling
- 5 "Shawn Mendes is going on tour next year."
"Great! tickets being sold on his website?"
a Do
b Are
c Is
d Does
- 6 Nicholas has got an electric guitar but he it.
a hardly never plays
b plays hardly ever
c hardly ever plays
d doesn't play ever
- 7 "Hello, Mary!"
"Hi, Grace! ?"
a How it goes
b How do you go
c How's going
d How's it going
- 8 I don't exercise very often but I go to the gym.
a seldom
b occasionally
c frequently
d rarely
- 9 This dish with a green salad.
a is usually served
b usually is serving
c does usually serve
d is usually being served
- 10 "How often do you go running?"
"About twice"
a the week
b times a week
c a week
d in every week
- 11 "Is that John's bag?"
"No, I don't think to him."
a is belong
b it is belonging
c it belongs
d belonged
- 12 The teachers are discussing the problem
a present
b at present
c in present
d at the present
- 13 "Is the curry ready?"
"Probably. Jane it to see."
a just tastes
b just is tasting
c tastes just
d is just tasting
- 14 How much money ?
a James owes you
b is James owing you
c does owe you James
d does James owe you
- 15 "Can I help you with anything?"
"No, thanks."
a I'm just looking
b I just look
c I don't just look
d I'm not just looking
- 16 The windows in this building once a month.
a clean
b are cleaning
c are cleaned
d being cleaned
- 17 I anyone in this picture. Do you know who they are?
a am not recognized
b am not recognizing
c don't recognize
d am being recognized
- 18 Scooter accidents more and more common.
a become
b becoming
c are becoming
d do become
- 19 "What do you think of Alex?"
"He really nice."
a seems
b is seeming
c is seemed
d seeming
- 20 How are the winners of that reality show ?
a chosen
b choosing
c choose
d chooses

