

# Present Simple vs. Present Progressive

## Present Simple

1. Fill in using Present Simple. Follow the given order: affirmative → question → positive or ~ negative answer.

1. Josh \_\_\_\_\_ (work) every weekend. → ? \_\_\_\_\_ every weekend? → Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.  
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to *reputation* album quite often. → ? \_\_\_\_\_ quite often? → No, \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. Samantha and Donna \_\_\_\_\_ (make) a great team. → ? \_\_\_\_\_ a great team? → Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.

## Present Progressive

2. Fill in using Present Progressive. Follow the given order: affirmative → question → positive or ~ negative answer.

1. Taylor \_\_\_\_\_ (sing) at tonight's show. → ? \_\_\_\_\_ at tonight's show? → Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.  
2. Hermione and Ron \_\_\_\_\_ (argue) now. → ? \_\_\_\_\_ now? → No, \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ (study) for a test at the moment. → ? \_\_\_\_\_ at the moment? → Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.

## Mush-up

3. Decide, whether the sentence/question was written in Present Simple (PS) or Present Progressive (PP).

1. She usually walks to school. \_\_\_\_
2. Are they watching a movie right now? \_\_\_\_
3. I don't like cold weather. \_\_\_\_
4. He is fixing his bike at the moment. \_\_\_\_
5. Do you play any instruments? \_\_\_\_
6. Look! It's raining outside. \_\_\_\_
7. My brother works in a hospital. \_\_\_\_
8. We are studying for the test today. \_\_\_\_
9. Does she visit her grandparents every weekend? \_\_\_\_
10. I'm not listening to you, I'm reading a book. \_\_\_\_

4. Fill in using Present Simple or Present Progressive.

1. They \_\_\_\_\_ (**not listen**) to Taylor's *Folklore* album at the moment.
2. Dobby always \_\_\_\_\_ (**help**) when someone \_\_\_\_\_ (**need**) him.
3. Look! Professor Snape \_\_\_\_\_ (**teach**) us how to brew Felix Felicis.
4. Harry always \_\_\_\_\_ (**forget**) his wand in the dormitory.
5. My cat Crookshanks \_\_\_\_\_ (**sleep**) on my homework again!
6. The students usually \_\_\_\_\_ (**arrive**) late when it \_\_\_\_\_ (**rain**).
7. The droids \_\_\_\_\_ (**repair**) the Millennium Falcon right now.
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ (**not understand**) why he always \_\_\_\_\_ (**call**) me "Mudblood."
9. Look! Hermione \_\_\_\_\_ (**read**) *Hogwarts: A History* again.
10. Right now, Harry \_\_\_\_\_ (**fly**) over the Quidditch field.
11. My sister \_\_\_\_\_ (**sing**) "Love Story" every time she's happy.
12. Rey \_\_\_\_\_ (**believe**) in the Force, but she still \_\_\_\_\_ (**doubt**) herself sometimes.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ (**the stormtroopers / march**) towards the rebel base at the moment?
14. I never \_\_\_\_\_ (**drink**) butterbeer before lessons.
15. The twins \_\_\_\_\_ (**plan**) a new prank on Filch at the moment.
16. I \_\_\_\_\_ (**listen**) to "You Belong With Me" while I \_\_\_\_\_ (**do**) my homework.
17. The stormtroopers \_\_\_\_\_ (**not know**) how to aim properly.
18. Hermione \_\_\_\_\_ (**not agree**) with Ron's study methods.
19. Why \_\_\_\_\_ (**you / wear**) your invisibility cloak in class?
20. Taylor usually \_\_\_\_\_ (**write**) her lyrics at night.
21. Luke \_\_\_\_\_ (**train**) with Master Yoda this week.
22. Ginny \_\_\_\_\_ (**not talk**) to Harry after the last match.
23. I \_\_\_\_\_ (**watch**) *The Empire Strikes Back* tonight with my friends.
24. Why \_\_\_\_\_ (**Taylor / change**) her album name now?
25. Hagrid \_\_\_\_\_ (**build**) a new hut near the forest this month.
26. My friend \_\_\_\_\_ (**collect**) Star Wars figures — it's his hobby.
27. Taylor \_\_\_\_\_ (**plan**) a surprise concert this summer.
28. She \_\_\_\_\_ (**not understand**) why people \_\_\_\_\_ (**hate**) Slytherin so much.

29. \_\_\_\_\_ (**Darth Vader / always / breathe**) like that?
30. What \_\_\_\_\_ (**you / wear**) when you \_\_\_\_\_ (**attend**) the Quidditch match tomorrow?
31.  I usually \_\_\_\_\_ (**study**) in the library, but today I \_\_\_\_\_ (**work**) in the courtyard.
32. Obi-Wan \_\_\_\_\_ (**teach**) Anakin about patience — again.
33. Where \_\_\_\_\_ (**Luke / train**) with the Jedi knights next week?
34. Taylor \_\_\_\_\_ (**change**) her style every few albums.
35. Kylo Ren \_\_\_\_\_ (**feel**) the pull to the light side again.
36. Which song \_\_\_\_\_ (**Taylor / sing**) during her surprise concert this summer?
37.  I \_\_\_\_\_ (**write**) this sentence while you \_\_\_\_\_ (**think**) I \_\_\_\_\_ (**do**) nothing.
38. I \_\_\_\_\_ (**not understand**) why he always \_\_\_\_\_ (**call**) me "Mudblood."
39. \_\_\_\_\_ (**Hagrid / build**) a bridge over the Forbidden Forest right now?
40.  How often \_\_\_\_\_ (**you / be**) on Jakku?
41. Why \_\_\_\_\_ (**Ginny / not speak**) to Harry after the game?
42. Jenna \_\_\_\_\_ (**study**) in Harvard till May.
43. Harry \_\_\_\_\_ (**try**) to stay calm, but Ron \_\_\_\_\_ (**make**) him laugh.
44. \_\_\_\_\_ (**Draco / look**) for trouble again?
45. Luna \_\_\_\_\_ (**see**) strange creatures that no one else \_\_\_\_\_ (**see**).
46. I \_\_\_\_\_ (**watch**) *The Prisoner of Azkaban* tonight.
47. Right now, Ron \_\_\_\_\_ (**try**) to fix his broken wand.
48.  You \_\_\_\_\_ (**always / leave**) your socks on the floor – it drives me CRAZY!
49. Water \_\_\_\_\_ (**evaporate**) in 100 Celsius degrees.
50.  Why \_\_\_\_\_ (**you / always / complain**) about everything?!
51. The world \_\_\_\_\_ (**change**) faster than anyone anticipated in the last decade.
52.  This company usually \_\_\_\_\_ (**produce**) its reports by the end of March, but this year they \_\_\_\_\_ (**work**) on a new format.
53.  She \_\_\_\_\_ (**own**) several houses around the country, but at the moment she \_\_\_\_\_ (**live**) in a flat in the city centre.
54.  I \_\_\_\_\_ (**think**) that he \_\_\_\_\_ (**behave**) weirdly — he \_\_\_\_\_ (**act**) as if nothing mattered to him.
55. He always \_\_\_\_\_ (**complain**) about the weather, yet strangely he moved to a place where it \_\_\_\_\_ (**rain**) 300 days a year.
56.  While most people \_\_\_\_\_ (**believe**) that the system \_\_\_\_\_ (**operate**) smoothly, we \_\_\_\_\_ (**detect**) multiple glitches right now.
57. Her brother \_\_\_\_\_ (**study**) astrophysics and he often \_\_\_\_\_ (**leave**) messages that no one else \_\_\_\_\_ (**understand**).
58.  They \_\_\_\_\_ (**not allow**) mobile phones in the exam hall, but somehow a student \_\_\_\_\_ (**use**) his phone during the test now.
59.  My grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ (**tell**) stories about the war, and currently he \_\_\_\_\_ (**write**) his memoirs for his grandchildren.
60.  The CEO \_\_\_\_\_ (**host**) the annual conference every April, but this year he \_\_\_\_\_ (**organise**) a live-virtual event instead.

## 5. Fill in using Present Simple or Present Progressive.

If you 1 \_\_\_\_\_ (**love**) literature and 2 \_\_\_\_\_ (**enjoy**) a real challenge, reading Shakespeare 3 \_\_\_\_\_ (**be**) the perfect test of patience and intelligence.

At the moment, two students, Alice and Tom, 4 \_\_\_\_\_ (**prepare**) for their English literature exam. They 5 \_\_\_\_\_ (**read**) *Hamlet* again, even though they already 6 \_\_\_\_\_ (**know**) most of the lines by heart.

Alice usually 7 \_\_\_\_\_ (**find**) Shakespeare fascinating, but today she 8 \_\_\_\_\_ (**struggle**) with the meaning of "brevity is the soul of wit."

Why 9 \_\_\_\_\_ (**people / still read**) his plays after four hundred years?

Tom 10 \_\_\_\_\_ (**not understand**) why everyone in the play 11 \_\_\_\_\_ (**talk**) so much instead of acting.

Their teacher, Mr Green, 12 \_\_\_\_\_ (**say**) Shakespeare 13 \_\_\_\_\_ (**teach**) people more about ambition, guilt, and love than any modern author.

Right now, he 14 \_\_\_\_\_ (**explain**) the symbolism in *Macbeth*, while half of the class 15 \_\_\_\_\_ (**pretend**) to take notes.

Alice 16 \_\_\_\_\_ (**actually listen**), though, because she 17 \_\_\_\_\_ (**want**) to study English at Oxford next year.

What 18 \_\_\_\_\_ (**you / think**) —  19 \_\_\_\_\_ (**read**) Shakespeare really 20 \_\_\_\_\_ (**help**) you understand life, or just 21 \_\_\_\_\_ (**make**) you sleepy?