

Present Simple vs. Present Progressive

Present Simple

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

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

Present Progressive

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

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













Mush-up

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


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

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?