

Simple Present & Present Continuous Exercises

► Practice 1. The simple present and the present progressive. (Charts 2-1 and 2-2)

Complete the sentences. Write the simple present or the present progressive form of the verbs in parentheses.

1. The sun (*set*) sets in the west every evening.
2. Look! The sun (*set*) _____ behind the mountain now. How beautiful!
3. The football players (*practice*) _____ on the field right now.
4. The football players (*practice*) _____ on the field every afternoon.
5. I always (*listen*) _____ to the radio when I'm in my car.
6. The traffic is bad today, but it isn't bothering me. I (*listen*) _____ to my favorite morning talk show with Jack LaLouie, who is very funny.
7. Sam and Lara (*talk*) _____ on the phone every night.
8. Sam and Lara (*talk*) _____ on the phone right now, so I can't call Lara. Her line is busy.
9. I'll call you back in a little while. We (*eat*) _____ dinner right now.
10. My grandparents usually (*eat*) _____ dinner early. They often go out to their favorite restaurant for the early dinner special at 5:30.

► Practice 2. The simple present and the present progressive. (Charts 2-1 and 2-2)

Circle the correct verb.

1. Because of the force of gravity, objects (*fall / are falling*) down and not up.
2. It's autumn! The leaves (*fall / are falling*), and winter will soon be here.
3. Coffee (*grows / is growing*) in mountainous areas, not in deserts.
4. Oh, you (*grow / are growing*) so fast, Johnny! Soon you'll be taller than your dad.
5. Near the Arctic Circle, the sun (*shines / is shining*) for more than twenty hours a day at the beginning of the summer.
6. It's a beautiful day! The sun (*shines / is shining*) and the birds (*sing / are singing*).
7. Maria is a professional singer. She (*sings / is singing*) in the opera every season.
8. Olga likes mysteries. She (*reads / is reading*) one mystery book every week.
9. Hello, Sarah? I (*call / am calling*) you from my car. I'm going to be a little late for lunch.

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PRACTICE 1, p. 12

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| 1. sets | 6. am listening / 'm listening |
| 2. is setting | 7. talk |
| 3. are practicing | 8. are talking |
| 4. practice | 9. are eating / 're eating |
| 5. listen | 10. eat |

PRACTICE 2, p. 12

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| 1. fall | 6. is shining . . . are singing |
| 2. are falling | 7. sings |
| 3. grows | 8. reads |
| 4. are growing | 9. am calling |
| 5. shines | |

PRACTICE 3, p. 13

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| 1. own | 6. shrinks |
| 2. am trying / 'm trying | 7. is biting / 's biting |
| 3. belongs | 8. is bleeding / 's bleeding |
| 4. is sleeping | 9. am failing / 'm failing |
| 5. means | |

PRACTICE 4, p. 13

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| 1. a | 6. a |
| 2. b | 7. b |
| 3. a | 8. a |
| 4. b | 9. a |
| 5. a | 10. a |