# 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) 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 LaLoule, 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.						
	My grandparents usually (eat) dinner early. They often go out to						
	their favorite restaurant for the early dinner special at 5:30.						
<ul> <li>Practice 2. The simple present and the present progressive. (Charts 2-1 and 2-2)</li> <li>Circle the correct verb.</li> </ul>							
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.

Co	actice 3. The simple present and the present progressive. (Charts 2-1 and 2-2) implete the sentences. Write either the simple present or the present progressive form of the bs in the list. Use each verb only once.					
	belong bleed mean shrink try bite fail ✓ own sleep					
1.	The bank lent us money for a down payment, so now we the house we used to rent.					
2.	Shhh! I to concentrate. I can't hear myself think with all that noise going on.					
3.	This book is mine. That one to Pierre.					
4.	Shhh! The baby We don't want to wake him up.					
5.	Singular "one."					
6.	. That sweater won't fit you if you wash it in hot water. Wool in hot water.					
7.	Look at Joan. She her fingernails. She must be nervous.					
8.	A: Juan! What's the matter with your hand? It  B: I just cut it when I was using a knife. It's not serious. I'll wash it and put a bandage on it.					
9.	A: My grades in school are terrible this term. I three of my courses.					
	B: Maybe you can improve them before the end of the term if you start studying.					
	ite the letter of the correct completion. (Chart 2-3)					
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3.	Do you see that man? I him. He was man a. recognize		igh school English teacher. am recognizing
4.	My favorite actor at the Paramount The a. currently appears		is currently appearing
5.	A: Is my voice loud enough?		
	B: Yes,		
	a. I hear you	h	I am hearing you

# **CHAPTER 2: PRESENT AND PAST; SIMPLE** AND PROGRESSIVE

## PRACTICE 1, p. 12

- 1. sets
- 2. is setting
- 3. are practicing
- 4. practice
- 5. listen

- 6. am listening / 'm listening
- 7. talk
- 8. are talking
- 9. are eating / 're eating
- 10. eat

#### PRACTICE 2, p. 12

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

#### PRACTICE 3, p. 13

- 1. own
- 2. am trying / 'm trying
- 3. belongs
- 4. is sleeping
- 5. means

- 6. shrinks
- 7. is biting / 's biting
- 8. is bleeding / 's bleeding
- 9. am failing / 'm failing

## PRACTICE 4, p. 13

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