

PRESENT SIMPLE VS PRESENT CONTINUOUS EXERCISES

1. Put the verbs into the correct tense (present simple OR present continuous):

The train always _____ (1: leave) on time.

"What's the matter? Why _____ (2: cry/you)?"

That's strange. They _____ (3: not to watch) TV.

He _____ (4: not to speak) very good English.

Please be quiet! I _____ (5: do) my homework.

Where _____ (6: live/they)?

Listen! John _____ music! (7: play)

I never _____ (8: go) to the swimming pool.

Harold Black's a famous pianist. He _____ (9: give) two or three concerts every week. He _____ (10: travel) a lot and this week he's in New York. He _____ (11: stay) at an expensive hotel. He's at his hotel now. He _____ (12: have) his breakfast in the dining-room. He _____ (13: drink) a cup of coffee and he _____ (14: read) a newspaper. Harold's always very busy. He _____ (15: play) the piano regularly. He _____ (16: practise) for four hours every day. He _____ (17: go) to bed late and he always _____ (18: get up) early. But he sometimes _____ (19: get) dressed too quickly, and this morning he _____ (20: wear) one blue sock and one red one!

2. Complete the sentences below using one of the verbs in the box in the correct form. You may use each verb once only.

enjoy	play	work	know	wait	finish
prefer	produce	seem	interview	talk	

1. I always _____ tennis on Fridays.
2. He _____ his report. He will bring it into the office when it is complete.
3. "My parents phoned me this morning. They _____ themselves in

the Seychelles. Champagne every night! In fact, they don't want to leave."

4. We _____ to entertain our guests in a local restaurant rather than the canteen. Although it is expensive, we can talk freely there.
5. I _____ the answer to your problem. Get a new computer.
6. "Where is John?" "In his office _____ for an important telephone call."
7. I can't make the meeting tomorrow. I _____ the applicants for the sales manager's job.
8. My brother _____ for Shink Inc. which makes bathroom fittings.
9. Who _____ to Bill? Is it the new secretary?
10. The new contract _____ fine to me. However, could you just check it through once more?