

Questions in the Simple Present Tense (Auxiliary Verbs Do/Does)

Fill in the blanks with the correct auxiliary verb, *do* or *does*.

1. Where _____ Betty live?
2. How often _____ you go to the dentist?
3. When _____ the class begin?
4. Where _____ they live?
5. How much _____ it cost to fly from Toronto to New York?
6. What time _____ you get up every morning?
7. What _____ they usually have for breakfast?
8. When _____ they usually play soccer?
9. Why _____ you want to have a party?
10. Which dress _____ you like best?
11. How long _____ the class last?
12. How often _____ they visit their grandparents?
13. What _____ you usually do on the weekend?
14. How many classes _____ you have every day?
15. How _____ he get to school?
16. What kind of car _____ she drive?
17. What _____ they do after class every day?

Present Progressive Tense – Yes/No Questions

Practice making questions and giving short answers in the present progressive tense.

Ex. Is he eating lunch now?

Yes, he is. (He is eating lunch now.)

1. _____

_____ (They are playing soccer.)

2. _____

_____ (We aren't doing our homework.)

3. _____

_____ (Barbara is taking a shower.)

4. _____

_____ (He is watching TV.)

5. _____

_____ (They aren't painting the house.)

6. _____

_____ (I am feeding the dog.)

7. _____

_____ (We are talking to our friends.)

8. _____

_____ (She isn't visiting her mother.)

Present Progressive Tense – Information Questions

Use the correct question word (who, what, where, why, how many) and the present progressive tense to make information questions. The underlined words are the answers to the questions.

Ex. Where is she studying?

She is studying in the library.

1. _____

She is eating a sandwich for lunch.

2. _____

My aunt is visiting me.

3. _____

Ten boys are playing soccer.

4. _____

They are playing soccer in the field behind the school.

5. _____

She is washing the windows because they are very dirty.

6. _____

Mary is doing her homework.

7. _____

Twenty-five people are coming to the party.

8. _____

They are going downtown.

Simple Present Tense vs. Present Progressive Tense (*Always, Usually, Never, etc. vs. Now, Today, etc.*)

Complete the following sentences using the correct form of the verb.

(Reminder: simple present is used for actions that are habitual or repeated; present progressive is used for actions that are happening right now.)

- get up** 1. I usually _____ at 7:00, but today I _____
at 6:30 because I have an early appointment at work.
- walk** 2. David always _____ to work, but he _____
take the bus today because it is raining very hard.
- read** 3. They usually _____ the local newspaper, but today
they _____ a national newspaper.
- have** 4. The children usually _____ a bath in the evening, but
take tonight they _____ a shower.
- eat** 5. I often _____ cereal for breakfast, but today I _____
eggs.
- wear** 6. Robert never _____ a tie to work, but he _____
one today because he has an important appointment.
- leave** 7. Mr. Bell usually _____ work at 5:30, but he _____
early today because it is his wife's birthday.
- shop** 8. Kelly always _____ at A&B Market, but today she
_____ at Fairway because there is a good sale there.
- drink** 9. Fred and Rita never _____ wine, but they _____
wine today because it is their anniversary.
- bake** 10. Joe never _____ cakes, but he _____ one
today because it is his wife's birthday.

Simple Present Tense vs. Present Progressive Tense

Complete the following sentences using the correct form of the verb.

(Reminder: simple present is used for actions that are habitual or repeated; present progressive is used for actions that are happening right now.)

1. Listen! Someone _____ (knock) at the door.
2. Jack never _____ (come) to class on time.
3. It always _____ (rain) in our city in April.
4. It's a beautiful day today. The sun _____ (shine).
5. The sun always _____ (rise) in the east and _____ (set) in the west.
6. Susan _____ (watch) TV now. She always _____ (watch) TV in the evenings.
7. Mr. Duncan usually _____ (travel) to New York on business.
8. Please be quiet! The baby _____ (sleep).
9. My aunt usually _____ (stay) in a hotel when she comes to town but tonight she _____ (stay) with us.
10. At the present time, they _____ (travel) in Europe.
11. We _____ (meet) for coffee every Saturday at 2:00.
12. She usually _____ (wear) jeans to school, but today she _____ (wear) a skirt.
13. The telephone _____ (ring.) Can you please answer it now!
14. Right now we _____ (review) verb tenses.

Simple Present vs. Present Progressive Action vs. Non-action Verbs

Reminder: Certain verbs that express emotion, need, or a state of being are not used in the progressive tense. Examples of such non-action verbs are listed below.

*know / belong / cost / seem / understand / mean / mind / want / like
love / hate / need / believe hear / see / have*

Complete the following sentences using the correct form of the verb, simple present or present progressive.

1. Joanne is in the living room now. She _____ (read) a new book.
She _____ (want) to finish the book tonight.
2. Billy _____ (have) a bad cold now. He _____ (lie) on the sofa in the living room.
3. Carla is at the park now. She _____ (walk) her dog. She _____ (love) that dog so much.
4. I _____ (go) to the store now to buy a new computer. The computer _____ (cost) \$1500.
5. Marilyn _____ (wear) an old dress today. She _____ (hate) that dress, but her mother _____ (want) her to wear it.
6. Mr. Lucas _____ (have) a new car.
7. Dan and Kevin _____ (drive) to school together now. The car _____ (belong) to Dan.
8. What's that noise? I _____ (hear) something at the window.
9. I _____ (want) to see a movie tonight. Do you know what movies _____ (play)?
10. Gerry usually _____ (drive) to work, but today he _____ (take) a bus because his car _____ (have) a flat tire.

Simple Present vs. Present Progressive**Find Someone Who.....**

1. always walks to work.

2. has two sisters.

3. is wearing brown socks today.

4. usually wears earrings but isn't wearing earrings today.

5. doesn't like chocolate.

6. plays the piano.

7. lives in a two-bedroom apartment.

8. is wearing contact lenses now.

9. never drinks coffee.

10. has a birthday in the same month as you.

Answers

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1. does 2. do 3. does 4. do 5. does 6. do 7. do 8. do 9. do 10. do 11. does 12. do 13. do 14. do 15. does
16. does 17. do

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1. Are they playing soccer? Yes, they are. 2. Are you doing your homework? No, we aren't. 3. Is Barbara taking a shower? Yes, she is. 4. Is he watching TV? Yes, he is. 5. Are they painting the house? No, they aren't. 6. Are you feeding the dog? Yes, I am. 7. Are you talking to our friends? Yes, we are. 8. Is she visiting her mother? No, she isn't.

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1. What is she eating for lunch? 2. Who is visiting you? 3. How many boys are playing soccer? 4. Where are they playing soccer? 5. Why is she washing the windows? 6. What is Mary doing? 7. How many people are coming to the party? 8. Where are they going?

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1. get up / am getting up 2. walks / is taking 3. read / are reading 4. have / are taking 5. eat / am eating 6. wears / is wearing
7. leaves / is leaving 8. shops / is shopping 9. drink / are drinking 10. bakes / is baking

Page 5.

1. is knocking 2. comes 3. rains 4. is shining 5. rises / sets 6. is watching / watches 7. travels 8. is sleeping 9. stays / is staying
10. are traveling 11. meet 12. wears / is wearing 13. are reviewing

Page 6.

1. is reading / wants 2. has / is lying 3. is walking / loves 4. am going / costs 5. is wearing / hates / wants 6. has 7. are driving / belongs
8. heard 9. want / are playing 10. drives / is taking / has