

Present Simple and Present Continuous Tenses

■ Identify whether each sentence is in the present simple tense or the present continuous tense.

Q1. I am playing basketball.

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Q2. They are talking to the teacher.

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Q3. He plays the piano.

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Q4. She writes with her right hand.

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Q5. We think that he is wrong.

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■ Fill in the gaps using either the present simple tense or the present continuous tense with the verbs in brackets. Don't forget that with the third person singular in the present simple tense it takes 's'.

Q6. I am (**go**) to the cinema.

Q7. He is (**take**) the book from the table.

Q8. We (**write**) our notes in a notebook.

Q9. They (**play**) tennis every day.

Q10. She (**need**) a haircut.

■ Indicate whether we use the present simple tense or the present continuous tense with each of the following situations.

Q11. He is doing the action at the moment.

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Q12. He does the action every day.

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Q13. They go to the cinema after training on Saturdays.

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Q14. We are watching the news on the television now.

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Q15. I use my computer for sending e-mails.

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ANSWERS

- A1.** I am playing basketball.
Present continuous
- A2.** They are talking to the teacher.
Present continuous
- A3.** He plays the piano.
Present simple
- A4.** She writes with her right hand.
Present simple
- A5.** We think that he is wrong.
Present simple
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- A8.** We **write** our notes in a notebook.
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- A10.** She **needs** a haircut.
- A11.** He is doing the action at the moment.
Present continuous
- A12.** He does the action every day.
Present simple
- A13.** They go to the cinema after training on Saturdays.
Present simple
- Q14.** We are watching the news on the television now.
Present continuous
- A15.** I use my computer for sending e-mails.
Present simple