

Unit 1: Present Tenses

A: Put in the present continuous form of the verb in brackets.

1. Please be quiet. I _____ (try) to read my book.
2. I _____ (not/use) the computer at the moment so you can use it.
3. Mary is ill so Sue _____ (teach) her lessons today.
4. Excuse me, I _____ (look) for a hotel. Is there one near here?
5. _____ (you/wait) for someone?
6. Jack, you are very careless. You _____ (always/forget) to do your homework!
7. The cost of living _____ (rise) very fast. Every year things are more expensive.
8. What _____ (you/do)? I _____ (clean) my shoes.
9. Why _____ (not/wear) shorts? It's so hot today.
10. The neighbours are so noisy! They _____ (always/argue) loudly.

B: Put the verb into the correct form, present continuous or present simple.

1. I _____ (not/belong) to this particular government committee.
2. Hurry! The bus _____ (come). I _____ (not/want) to miss it.
3. Gregory is a vegetarian. He _____ (not/eat) meat.
4. I _____ (look) for the manager. I can't find him anywhere.
5. We are successful because we _____ (take) the time to talk to our customers.
6. John _____ (deal) with all the enquiries about sales.
7. At the moment we _____ (make) a training video for Siemens.
8. _____ (you/know) what Mr Briceson _____ (do)? He is not in his office.
9. I _____ (apply) for a job in the sales department, but I don't know if I will be successful.
It _____ (depend) on whether or not they have any vacancies.
10. Unemployment _____ (fall) and is now down to 5.6%.
11. Jane is doing some research in the library. She needs it for a book she _____ (write).
12. While Anna is away on holidays, Matt _____ (work) in her office.
13. He _____ (teach) French and German at University and _____ (learn) Greek.
14. There _____ (be) two flights to Honduras this afternoon. The British Airways flight _____ (leave) at 13:00 and _____ (arrive) at 22:00.
15. Inflation _____ (rise) at a rate of 2% per annum.

C: Put the verb in brackets into the present simple or the present continuous.

1. She always _____ (remember) my birthday.
2. Mr Brown _____ (work) in a supermarket.
3. I _____ (work) in this factory until I find a better job.
4. Look! It _____ (snow).
5. Can you hear those girls? What _____ (they/talk) about?
6. _____ (you/know) Helen?
7. We _____ (never/go) to work by tube. It is too busy.
8. When I'm in Paris I _____ (usually/stay) in the Hotel du Pont, but this time I _____ (stay) in the more expensive Hotel Notre Dame.
9. Ruth _____ (be) a vegetarian. She _____ (not/eat) meat or fish.
10. My father _____ (be) an engineer, but he _____ (not/work) right now.
11. _____ (you/believe) in ghosts?
12. My parents _____ (live) in Sydney. Where _____ (your parents/live)?
13. We _____ (own) two cars, an estate car and a sports car.
14. Can you drive? No, but I _____ (learn) at the moment.
15. Look! That woman _____ (try) to steal that man's wallet.
16. The River Nile _____ (flow) into the Mediterranean.
17. _____ (you/like) Bon Jovi?
18. I _____ (get) thirsty. Let's get something to drink.
19. Those flowers _____ (smell) lovely. What are they?
20. Jane _____ (repair) her bike. She _____ (know) exactly what to do.