

## 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

### Page 1.

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

### Page 2.

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.

### Page 3.

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?

### Page 4.

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