

## 1a Present continuous and present simple

Exercise 1: Use the present continuous or the present simple. Choose the correct alternative.

1. 'You ~~stand~~ / are standing on my foot.' 'Oh, I'm sorry.'
2. We ~~are often going~~ / often go away at weekends.
3. I ~~hate~~ / am hating running.
4. Take an umbrella with you. It is raining / ~~rains~~.
5. ~~Do you have~~ / are you having dinner at the moment?
6. It is raining / rains a lot in winter.
7. Do you understand / ~~are you understanding~~ what I say?
8. \* He is working / works hard most of the time.
9. \* Sophie wants to work in Spain, so she is learning / ~~learns~~ Spanish at the moment.
10. \* I need / ~~am needing~~ three extra books.

Exercise 2: Use the present continuous or the present simple.  
Read this email and choose the correct alternative.

Hi Ann,

It is raining / ~~It rains~~, so I'm writing / ~~I write~~ this letter to you. I am hating / ~~I hate~~ rain. Do you remember / ~~are you remembering~~ Tally, my cat. At the moment, she is lying / ~~she lies~~ on floor and keeps / ~~keeping~~ my feet warm. She's very old now, and every day she sleeps / ~~she's sleeping~~ for hours.

The children watch / ~~are watching~~ TV. They like / ~~are liking~~ Disney Channel. Their favourite programme is Tom and Jerry. They are watching / ~~watch~~ that every day.

I've started a new job. Every Tuesday and Thursday I work / ~~I'm working~~ from 9 o'clock to 5 o'clock in a clothes shop. It's a nice job, but I don't want / ~~I'm not wanting~~ to stay there forever.

What are you doing / ~~do you do~~ at the moment? I think you sit / ~~are sitting~~ in the garden, drinking / ~~drink~~ a cup of coffee and the sun shines / ~~is shining~~.

I hope everything is OK with you too. I'd love to hear from you soon.

Love,

Grace

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Write questions from these words. Put the verbs in the present simple (e.g. Do you go ...) or the present continuous (e.g. Are you going ...). You have to add do/does or a form of to be (am, is, are)

1. you / have / breakfast / at the moment

**Are you having breakfast at the moment?**

2. you / go / to school / every day

**Do you go to school every day?**

3. you / have / a drink / now

**Are you having a drink now?**

4. you / believe / in / ghosts

**Do you believe in ghosts?**

5. you / go / to school / today

**Are you going to school today?**

6. you / usually / leave / the house / at eight

**Do you usually leave the house at eight?**

7. the postman / delivers / letters / every day

**Does the postman deliver letters every day?**

8. you / brush / your teeth / at the moment

**Are you brushing your teeth at the moment?**

9. she / always / has / a bath / in the morning

**Does she always have a bath in the morning?**

10. you / read / a newspaper / every day

**Do you read a newspaper every day?**



## 1a Things to say in class

Exercise 1: Complete the sentences using the correct words in the list below.

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|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| attention | repeat    | silence   | fiddling |
| wriggle   | bookshelf | excellent | board    |
| scissors  | tidy up   | go on     | quiet    |

1. Over here. Look at the **board**.
2. **Silence**, please. Be quiet.
3. Put the books back on the **bookshelf**.
4. Stop it! Sit still. Don't **wriggle**.
5. Stop talking and pay **attention** now.
6. This is a pencil. These are **scissors**.
7. Stop **fiddling** with that and sit still.
8. You have to be **quiet** and listen to me.
9. **Repeat** after me, ..... Very good.
10. Have a go! **Go on**, you can do it.
11. We have to stop now. **Tidy up**. Put everything away.
12. **Excellent!** You did that really well.

## 1a What did you do in class for English?

Write down two activities that you really liked and that went well. How were the children involved in the activity? What language did they have to use or understand?

1. ....  
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2. ....  
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### Exercise 6: answers

1. corridor
2. introduce
3. oversleep
4. substitute
5. absent / away / missing
6. matter
7. drawer
8. report
9. check
10. serious
11. recovered
12. apologies
13. spend
14. trouble
15. point / use / sense
16. slow
17. make
18. rushing
19. cancelled
20. straighten