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Simple Present & Present Continuous GR/ No:3

SIMPLE PRESENT & PRESENT CONTINUOUS

**A. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb in parentheses. Use present continuous tense.**

Dear Peter,

It 1. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) eleven o'clock in the morning, and I 2. \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) in the classroom and  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (write) you this letter. It 4. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a warm day outside, but inside my classmates  
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very busy. There 6. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) fifteen foreign students in the class, and all of  
them  
7. \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to learn English. There 8. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) two students from Greece. One  
9. \_\_\_\_\_ (read), while the other 10. \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) to a classmate. There 11. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) three  
students from the Far East. One 12. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) from Korea, another 13. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) from Taiwan,  
and the third 14. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) from Malaysia. The student from Korea 15. \_\_\_\_\_ (look) at the black-  
board, while the other two 16. \_\_\_\_\_ (write) in their notebooks. There 17. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) seven  
Spanish-speaking students in the class. Most of them 18. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) from Latin America, but one  
19. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) from Spain. The student from Spain 20. \_\_\_\_\_ (look up) a word in his dictionary,  
while the Latin American students 21. \_\_\_\_\_ (listen to) the teacher. A woman from Poland and a man from  
Haiti 22. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) also in this class. The Polish student 23. \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) in the front row and  
24. \_\_\_\_\_ (think about) her country, while the Haitian student 25. \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) in the back row  
and 26. \_\_\_\_\_ (click) his pen. I 27. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) the only student in the class from France. It  
28. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) almost time for lunch, so I must stop writing now and get back to my English lessons.

Your friend, Nicole

**B. Fill in the blanks with the verbs given in parentheses. Use simple present or present continuous.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ now? (it, / rain)
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ lunch in the cafeteria every day. (have)
3. Sheila \_\_\_\_\_ reading books. (love)
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ dinner tonight. Would you like to come? (cook)
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ him because he talks too much. (not, like)
6. Helen can't come to the breakfast. She (have) \_\_\_\_\_ shower right now.
7. A. What \_\_\_\_\_? (you, do)  
B: I'm a dentist.
8. Right now I'm in the class. I (sit) \_\_\_\_\_ at my desk. I usually (sit)  
\_\_\_\_\_ at the same desk.

**ANSWER KEY**

- A.** 1. is 2. am sitting 3. writing 4. is 5. are 6. are 7. are trying 8. are 9. is reading 10. is talking 11. are 12. is 13. is 14. is 15. is looking 16. are writing 17. are 18. are 19. is 20. is looking up 21. are listening 22. are 23. is sitting 24. is thinking 25. Is sitting 26. Is clicking 27. I 28. Is  
**B.** 1. Is it raining? 2. have 3. loves 4. am cooking 5. don't like 6. is having 7. do you do 8. am sitting / sit



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**C. Fill in the blanks using the simple present or present continuous tense of the verbs in brackets.**

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ (do) exercise now.
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to work every day.
3. In autumn the leaves of trees \_\_\_\_\_ (turn) down.
4. Please give me an aspirin. I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a headache.
5. Answer the door. Somebody \_\_\_\_\_ (ring) the bell.
6. He always \_\_\_\_\_ (get up) late.
7. We \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the cinema now.
8. They \_\_\_\_\_ (play) football every afternoon.
9. Come here! What \_\_\_\_\_ (you / do) there?
10. Be quiet! My father \_\_\_\_\_. (sleep)
11. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not want) anybody to speak while I \_\_\_\_\_. (read)

**SIMPLE PRESENT & SIMPLE PAST**

**D. Complete the sentences with the words in the list. Use Simple Present or Simple Past tense.**

*ask*                      *rain*                      *wait*                      *cook*                      *shave*                      *walk*  
*dream*                      *smile*                      *watch*                      *erase*                      *stay*                      *work*

1. It often \_\_\_\_\_ in the morning, but it \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday morning.
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ to school every morning, but I \_\_\_\_\_ to school yesterday morning.
3. Sue often \_\_\_\_\_ questions, but she \_\_\_\_\_ a question in class yesterday.
4. Dick doesn't have a beard anymore. He \_\_\_\_\_ three days ago.
5. Mike \_\_\_\_\_ his own dinner yesterday evening. He \_\_\_\_\_ (not) his own dinner every evening.
6. I usually \_\_\_\_\_ at home at night because I have to study.
7. I have a job at the library. So, I \_\_\_\_\_ at the library every evening.
8. When I am asleep, I often \_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ about my family last night.
9. Mary usually \_\_\_\_\_ for the bus at a bus stop in front of her apartment building.
10. I \_\_\_\_\_ a movie on television last night. I usually \_\_\_\_\_ TV in the evening because I want to improve my English.
11. Our teacher is a warm, friendly person. She often \_\_\_\_\_ when she is talking to us.

**ANSWER KEY**

**C.** 1. are doing 2. goes 3. turn 4. have 5. is ringing 6. gets up 7. are going 8. play 9. are you doing  
10. is sleeping 11. don't want-am reading

**D.** 1. rains / didn't rain 2. walk / didn't walk 3. asks / didn't ask 4. shaved 5. cooked / doesn't cook  
6. stay 7. study 8. dream / dreamed 9. waits 10. watched / watch 11. smiles



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**E. Complete the conversation with WAS / WASN'T / WERE / WEREN'T.**

A: Where *were* you last night? I phoned you but you 1. \_\_\_\_\_ at home.

B: I 2. \_\_\_\_\_ out with my friends. We 3. \_\_\_\_\_ at the Sherwood Café.

A: 4. \_\_\_\_\_ Julia there?

B: No, she 5. \_\_\_\_\_ Why?

A: Oh, I just wondered.

B: She 6. \_\_\_\_\_ out with Nick. They 7. \_\_\_\_\_ at the Oasis. I think.

A: No, they 8. \_\_\_\_\_.

B: How do you know?

A: Because I 9. \_\_\_\_\_ there!

**F. Fill in the blanks with the PAST form of the verbs:**

Benjamin Franklin \_\_\_\_\_ was born \_\_\_\_\_ (be born) in Boston in 1706. He 1. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) the fifteenth of the seventeen children of a poor candle maker. He 2. \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to school only one year. He 3. \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) to work when he was twelve. At the age of fourteen he 4. \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to be a writer. He 5. \_\_\_\_\_ (copy) the great stories of famous writers and later he 6. \_\_\_\_\_ (become) the best-known writer in his time.

When he 7. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) seventeen, he 8. \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) Boston and 9. \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) in Philadelphia with only a few pennies in his pocket. He 10. \_\_\_\_\_ (get) a job as a publisher of a newspaper and 11. \_\_\_\_\_ (retire) from business as a very rich man at forty-two. Then he 12. \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) the next forty years for his government. He 13. \_\_\_\_\_ (play) an important role in the founding of the USA. Franklin 14. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) also an important scientist and inventor. He 15. \_\_\_\_\_ (draw) electricity from a cloud on a kite string. He 16. \_\_\_\_\_ (write) one of the first text books on electricity. He 17. \_\_\_\_\_ (invent) a simple lightning rod and many other practical tools. Franklin 18. \_\_\_\_\_ (do) all these things and many more because he 19. \_\_\_\_\_ (believe) he 20. \_\_\_\_\_ (can).

**ANSWER KEY**

**E. 1. weren't 2. was 3. were 4. Was 5. wasn't 6. was 7. were 8. weren't 9. was**

**F. 1. was 2. went 3. began 4. decided 5. copied 6. became 7. was 8. left 9. arrived 10. got 11. retired 12. spend 13. played 14. was 15. drew 16. wrote 17. invented 18. did 19. believed 20. could**



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**G. Complete these sentences using the correct verbs below with simple past tense.**

play enjoy listen talk phone  
stop walk travel like stay

1. We really \_\_\_\_\_ the concert last night. It was great!
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ with friends in Brighton last summer.
3. Italy \_\_\_\_\_ very well in the last World Cup.
4. Her parents \_\_\_\_\_ by train from Shanghai to Moscow.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ you four times last night but you were out.
6. We \_\_\_\_\_ along the beach yesterday. It was lovely.
7. She \_\_\_\_\_ the film but she didn't like the music.
8. The men \_\_\_\_\_ work at exactly one o'clock.
9. I \_\_\_\_\_ to the new Sting album yesterday. It's great.
10. They \_\_\_\_\_ to us about their trip to Madagascar. It was very interesting.

**H. Fill in the blanks using the simple present, present continuous or simple past tense forms of the verbs in brackets.**

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ (run) for ten minutes every morning.
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ (fail) in English last year.
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) his speech now.
4. Oh! I'm sorry, I \_\_\_\_\_ (forget) your name.
5. A student normally \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to school five days a week.
6. They \_\_\_\_\_ (always / have) lunch at twelve o'clock.
7. She \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Germany two days ago.
8. She \_\_\_\_\_ (come) here tomorrow.
9. Students \_\_\_\_\_ (always/ stand up) when the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (enter) the classroom.
10. Look! The bride and the groom \_\_\_\_\_ (dance)!
11. She \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) the office five minutes ago.

**ANSWER KEY**

- G.** 1. enjoyed 2. stayed 3. played 4. travelled 5. phoned 6. walked  
7. liked 8. stopped 9. listened 10. Talked  
**H.** 1. runs 2. failed 3. is preparing 4. forgot 5. goes  
6. always have 7. went 8. is coming 9. always stand up / enters 10. are dancing 14. left

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