



Practice Worksheet on Present Simple vs Present Continuous

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Long Answer Questions

1. Explain the core difference in usage between the present simple and present continuous tenses.
2. Give three examples of sentences using the present simple tense, with a brief explanation of why you chose that tense.
3. Give three examples of sentences using the present continuous tense, and provide a reason for your choice of tense.
4. Illustrate the difference between the present simple and continuous with 'She eats a healthy diet,' showing both tenses.
5. Explain the rule for using the present simple or continuous with stative verbs, like 'believe' or 'know'.
6. How can the present continuous be used to describe future events or plans?

Give at least one example.

7. Demonstrate using both the present simple and present continuous with the verb 'sing', illustrating different situations.

8. Form a sentence that combines both present simple and present continuous to show contrasting actions.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Which tense is best for describing habitual actions?

- a) Present continuous describes habits.
- b) Present simple describes habitual actions.
- c) Both tenses describe ongoing actions.
- d) Present simple describes future plans.

2. Choose the correct sentence using the present simple with 'like'.

- a) I am liking chocolate ice cream.
- b) I like chocolate ice cream.
- c) I liked chocolate ice cream yesterday.
- d) I am going to like chocolate ice cream.

3. Which sentence correctly uses the present simple with the stative verb 'know'?

- a) She is knowing the answer.
- b) She knows the answer.
- c) She is going to know the answer.
- d) She knew the answer.

4. Which sentence correctly uses the present continuous to express a future plan?

- a) They are leaving tomorrow.
- b) They leave tomorrow.
- c) They left tomorrow.
- d) They are going to leave yesterday.

5. Select the correct sentence using the present simple for a repeated event.

- a) The train is arriving at 5 pm every day.
- b) The train arrives at 5 pm every day.
- c) The train arrived at 5 pm every day.
- d) The train is arriving at 5 pm today.

6. Choose the correct sentence expressing a habitual feeling using the present simple.

- a) He is feeling happy always.
- b) He always feels happy.
- c) He felt happy always.
- d) He is always feeling happy.

7. Which sentence correctly uses the present simple to state a scientific fact?

- a) The water boils at 100 degrees Celsius sometimes.
- b) Water boils at 100 degrees Celsius.
- c) Water is boiling at 100 degrees Celsius now.
- d) Water boiled at 100 degrees Celsius yesterday.

8. Select the correct sentence using a stative verb in the present simple tense.

- a) I am understanding the lesson now.
- b) I understand the lesson.
- c) I understood the lesson.
- d) I will understand the lesson.

Answer Key

Long Answer Questions - Expected Responses

1. Explain the core difference in usage between the present simple and present continuous tenses.

Expected Answer: Present simple is for habits, facts, and unchanging situations; present continuous is for actions happening now.

2. Give three examples of sentences using the present simple tense, with a brief explanation of why you chose that tense.

Expected Answer: I walk to school every day (habit); The sun rises in the east (fact); She is a doctor (unchanging situation).

3. Give three examples of sentences using the present continuous tense, and provide a reason for your choice of tense.

Expected Answer: He is playing football now (ongoing action); They are studying for an exam (temporary action); The cat is sleeping on the mat (action in progress).

4. Illustrate the difference between the present simple and continuous with 'She eats a healthy diet,' showing both tenses.

Expected Answer: Present simple: She eats a healthy diet; Present continuous: She is eating a healthy diet right now.

5. Explain the rule for using the present simple or continuous with stative verbs, like 'believe' or 'know'.

Expected Answer: Always use the present simple with stative verbs (believe, know, understand) unless describing a temporary state.

6. How can the present continuous be used to describe future events or plans?

Give at least one example.

Expected Answer: The present continuous can describe a future plan using 'be going to' or verbs like 'start', 'leave' etc.

7. Demonstrate using both the present simple and present continuous with the verb 'sing', illustrating different situations.

Expected Answer: She always sings loudly (habitual action); I am singing in the choir today (temporary, specific action).

8. Form a sentence that combines both present simple and present continuous to show contrasting actions.

Expected Answer: He is currently working on his science project, but he usually completes assignments earlier.

Multiple Choice Questions – Correct Answers

1. Which tense is best for describing habitual actions?

Correct Answer: Present simple describes habitual actions.

2. Choose the correct sentence using the present simple with 'like'.

Correct Answer: I like chocolate ice cream.

3. Which sentence correctly uses the present simple with the stative verb 'know'?

Correct Answer: She knows the answer.

4. Which sentence correctly uses the present continuous to express a future plan?

Correct Answer: They are leaving tomorrow.

5. Select the correct sentence using the present simple for a repeated event.

Correct Answer: The train arrives at 5 pm every day.

6. Choose the correct sentence expressing a habitual feeling using the present simple.

Correct Answer: He always feels happy.

7. Which sentence correctly uses the present simple to state a scientific fact?

Correct Answer: Water boils at 100 degrees Celsius.

8. Select the correct sentence using a stative verb in the present simple tense.

Correct Answer: I understand the lesson.