

**PRESENT SIMPLE****A. Put the verb in the Present Simple.**

1. The swimming pool .....(open) at 9:00 and (close) .....at 6.30 every day.
2. What time .....(the banks/close)here?
3. I have a car, but I .....(not use) it very often.
4. How many cigarettes.....(you/smoke) a day?
5. “What.....(you/do)?” “I’m a doctor”
6. “Where.....(your mother/come)from?” She (come) ..... from Mexico”
7. It .....(take) me an hour to get to work. How long..... (it/take)you?
8. I .....(play) the violin, but I .....(not/play) very well.
9. I don’t understand the word “liar”. What .....(“liar”/mean)?

**B. Read these sentences and correct them. The English is correct but the information is wrong. Write two correct sentences each time.**

Example: The sun goes around the earth. *The sun doesn’t go around the earth. The earth goes around the sun.*

1. The sun rises in the west.
2. Mice catch cats.
3. Carpenters make things from metal.
4. The Amazon River flows into the Pacific Ocean.

**C. Use sentences to make questions. Begin your question with the word(s) in parentheses (....)**

Example: John plays tennis. (How often?) *How often does John play tennis?*

1. Anne watches television. (How often?)
2. I write to my parents. (How often?)
3. I have dinner in the evening. (What time/usually?)
4. Tom works. (Where?)
5. I go to the movies. (How often?)
6. People do stupid things. (Why?)
7. The car breaks down. (How often?)

**PRESENT CONTINUOUS****A. Put the verb in the present continuous:**

Example: Please don't make so much noise. I *am studying* (study)

1. Please be quiet. I .....(try) to concentrate.
2. Look! It .....(snow).
3. Why .....(you/look) at me like that? Did I say something wrong?
4. You.....(make) a lot of noise. Can you be a little bit quieter?
5. Excuse me, I .....(look) for a phone booth. Is there one near here.
6. (at the movies)It's a good movie, isn't it? .....(you/enjoy) it?
7. Listen! Can you hear those people next door? They .....(yell) at each other again.
8. Why.....(you/wear)your coat today? It's very warm.
9. I.....(not work)this week. I'm on holiday.
10. I want to lose weight. I.....(not/eat) anything today.

**B. Put the verb in the present continuous, using one of these verbs:**

**get become change rise improve fall increase**

Example: The population of the world *is rising* very fast.

1. The number of people without jobs.....at the moment.
2. He is still sick, but he.....better slowly.
3. These days food.....more and more expensive.
4. The world.....Things never stay the same.
5. The cost of living..... Every year things are more expensive.
6. George has gone to work in Spain. At first his Spanish wasn't very good, but now it  
.....
7. The economic situation is already very bad, and it .....worse.

**C. Read this conversation and put each verb in the present continuous.**

Brian: Hello Steve. I haven't seen you for ages. What(1) *are you doing* these days?

Steve: I (2) .....(work) in a department store.

Brian: Really? (3) .....(you/enjoy)it?

Steve: Yeah, It is OK. How about you?

Brian: Well, I (4) .....(not work) at the moment, but I'm very busy. I (5)  
.....(build) a house.

Steve: Really? (6) .....(you/do) it alone?

Brian: No, some friends of mine(7).....(help) me.

**PRESENT SIMPLE & CONTINUOUS****A. Put in the correct tense (present simple or present continuous)**

1. Vegetarians are people who (don't eat/are not eating) meat.
2. Look out! My husband (comes/is coming).
3. Some people still think the sun (goes/is going) round the earth.
4. I (play/'m playing) tennis every weekend.
5. Who (sits/'s sitting) in my chair?
6. What (happens/is happening) in golf is you lose the ball?
7. An alcoholic is a person who (drinks/is drinking) too much and can't stop.
8. Look! She (wears/is wearing) the same shoes as me.
9. "What (are you looking/do you look)at?" "A strange bird.
10. I (stay/ 'm staying) with John for a few weeks until my flat's ready.
11. We (usually stay/'re usually staying) with Peggy when we go to Chicago.
12. Can you explain why water always (runs/is running) downhill?
13. What (do you do/are you doing) with my coat?
14. Nobody (gets/is getting) up early for fun.
15. Not many passenger planes (fly/are/ are flying) faster than sound.