

Simple Present Or Present Continuous Tense Exercise

We use the present simple to talk about our habits, routines and general truths. The present continuous is used to talk about actions or situations that are going on at the moment of speaking.

Can you use the simple present and present continuous correctly? Test your understanding with this grammar exercise.

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate tense form.

1. She is Italian - She from Rome.

hails

is hailing

Either could be used here

2. I my holiday in France.

enjoy

am enjoying

Either could be used here

3. What snakes

are, eating

do, eat

Either could be used here

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4. I my grandparents every week.

visit

am visiting

Either could be used here

5. I never to smoke again.

promise

am promising

Either could be used here

6. How I to the railway station?

am, getting

do, get

Either could be used here

7. I this fragrance very much.

like

am liking

Either could be used here

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8. Why you? Is something wrong?

are, crying

do, cry

Either could be used here

9. Why you on the table?

do, stand

are, standing

Either could be used here

10. The castle on a hill outside the town.

stands

is standing

Either could be used here

11. you in ghosts?

Do, believe

Are, believing

Either could be used here

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12. I them almost every day.

am meeting

meet

Either could be used here

Answers

1. She is Italian – She hails from Rome.
2. I am enjoying my holiday in France.
3. What do snakes eat?
4. I visit my grandparents every week.
5. I promise never to smoke again.
6. How do I get to the railway station?
7. I like this fragrance very much.
8. Why are you crying? Is something wrong?
9. Why are you standing on the table?
10. The castle stands on a hill outside the town.
11. Do you believe in ghosts?
12. I meet them almost every day.