

Present Simple vs Present Continuous

A2 English Worksheet – Lesson 2: More Practice with Habits and Right Now

Language Focus

We use Present Simple for things we do every day, or things that are always true.

We use Present Continuous for things happening now, at this moment.

Tense	Example
Present Simple: a habit or routine	I play football every Saturday.
Present Continuous: happening now	I am playing football now.
Present Continuous form: am/is/are + verb-ing	She is playing. They are playing.
Time words for Present Simple	every day, usually, always, often, sometimes, never
Time words for Present Continuous	now, right now, at the moment, Look!

Tip: look for a time word in the sentence. It tells you which tense to use.

Listening: A Video Call

Context: two cousins on a video call

Listen to your teacher read this aloud, or read it yourself. Then complete Exercise 1.

Alex: Hi Mia! What are you doing at the moment?

Mia: I'm doing my homework. I never do homework on Saturdays, but I have a test on Monday.

Alex: I'm relaxing right now. I usually play video games on Saturdays.

Mia: Does your sister play with you?

Alex: No, she doesn't. She's reading a book. She always reads before bed.

Mia: My mom is baking a cake right now.

Alex: Does she often bake on weekends?

Mia: Yes, she does. She bakes every Saturday morning.

1. True or False

Context: Alex and Mia (from the listening)

1. Mia is doing her homework at the moment. True / False
2. Mia usually does homework on Saturdays. True / False
3. Alex is relaxing right now. True / False
4. Alex's sister is playing video games with him. True / False
5. Mia's mom bakes every Saturday morning. True / False

2. Multiple Choice

Context: a busy morning

Look at the time word. Choose the correct verb form.

1. Look! The baby ___ now.
cries / is crying
2. My dad ___ to work every day.
drives / is driving
3. We ___ lunch at the moment.
have / are having
4. She ___ the guitar every evening.
plays / is playing
5. He ___ a shower right now.
takes / is taking
6. They usually ___ to school.
walk / are walking

3. Matching

Context: daily habits

Draw a line to match each time word to the sentence that uses it correctly.

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| 1. every evening | She is drinking orange juice at the moment. |
| 2. right now | They never eat meat. |
| 3. always | He is reading the newspaper right now. |
| 4. at the moment | He reads the newspaper every evening. |
| 5. never | She always drinks orange juice at breakfast. |

4. Gap Fill

Context: a busy café

Complete the paragraph with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

Every morning, Mr. Lee _____1 (open) his café at 7am. Right now, he _____2 (make) coffee for a customer. He usually _____3 (close) the café at 6pm, but today he _____4 (stay) late for a party. His daughter always _____5 (help) him on weekends.

5. Choose the Correct Sentence

Context: daily life

Look at the time word. Circle the sentence with the correct tense.

1. *Every day...*

(a) He walks the dog. (b) He is walking the dog.

2. *Look! Now...*

(a) The children play in the yard. (b) The children are playing in the yard.

3. *Usually on weekends...*

(a) We cook a big breakfast. (b) We are cooking a big breakfast.

4. *At the moment...*

(a) I read a good book. (b) I am reading a good book.

5. *Every week...*

(a) She calls her grandmother. (b) She is calling her grandmother.

6. *Right now...*

(a) They wait for the bus. (b) They are waiting for the bus.

6. Word Order

Context: a rainy day

Put the words in the correct order to make a sentence.

1. are / The / children / playing / inside / today.
2. usually / He / walks / to / work.
3. is / She / reading / a / magazine / now.
4. always / We / eat / dinner / at / seven.
5. am / I / washing / the / dishes / at / the / moment.

7. Right or Wrong?

Context: common tense mistakes

Is the sentence right or wrong? Circle your answer. If it's wrong, write the correction.

1. She is cook dinner now. Right / Wrong: _____
2. We always eat breakfast at eight. Right / Wrong: _____
3. He are watching TV right now. Right / Wrong: _____
4. They usually go to bed at ten. Right / Wrong: _____
5. I doing my homework at the moment. Right / Wrong: _____

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1. True or False - Answers

1. Mia is doing her homework at the moment. **True**
2. Mia usually does homework on Saturdays. **False**
3. Alex is relaxing right now. **True**
4. Alex's sister is playing video games with him. **False**
5. Mia's mom bakes every Saturday morning. **True**

2. Multiple Choice - Answers

1. Look! The baby ___ now. **is crying**
2. My dad ___ to work every day. **drives**
3. We ___ lunch at the moment. **are having**
4. She ___ the guitar every evening. **plays**
5. He ___ a shower right now. **is taking**
6. They usually ___ to school. **walk**

3. Matching - Answers

1. every evening **He reads the newspaper every evening.**
2. right now **He is reading the newspaper right now.**
3. always **She always drinks orange juice at breakfast.**
4. at the moment **She is drinking orange juice at the moment.**
5. never **They never eat meat.**

4. Gap Fill - Answers (in order)

Blank 1: **opens**

Blank 2: **is making**

Blank 3: **closes**

Blank 4: **is staying**

Blank 5: **helps**

5. Choose the Correct Sentence - Answers

1. Every day... **He walks the dog.**
2. Look! Now... **The children are playing in the yard.**
3. Usually on weekends... **We cook a big breakfast.**

4. At the moment... **I am reading a good book.**
5. Every week... **She calls her grandmother.**
6. Right now... **They are waiting for the bus.**

6. Word Order - Answers

1. **The children are playing inside today.**
2. **He usually walks to work.**
3. **She is reading a magazine now.**
4. **We always eat dinner at seven.**
5. **I am washing the dishes at the moment.**

7. Right or Wrong? - Answers

1. She is cook dinner now. **Wrong - is cooking**
2. We always eat breakfast at eight. **Right**
3. He are watching TV right now. **Wrong - is watching**
4. They usually go to bed at ten. **Right**
5. I doing my homework at the moment. **Wrong - am doing**