



Basic

English Grammar Practice Tests **with key**

Present Simple and Present Continuous

Level A1-A2

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#### Introduction and Imprint

This is a complete set of English grammar practice tests. It contains **Test 1 & 2 with key**. The tests correspond to the **A1 - A2** language proficiency level according to the [CEFR](#).

The content is meant for **English as a foreign language** learners. It can be used for testing and as consolidation material.

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Test 1

1. Write the verbs in brackets in the *present simple* or *present continuous*.

- After work I \_\_\_\_\_ (usually / spend) my time at home, but today I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) dinner with Mandy at the restaurant.
- Don't forget to close the window in your room. It \_\_\_\_\_ (get) cold.
- Sorry she cannot meet you tonight. She \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the theatre.
- \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (remember) the name of that man who \_\_\_\_\_ (drop) advertising brochures in our mailbox everyday?
- Jacob and I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) hungry. We \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to eat something.

Mark: \_\_\_ / 13

2. Choose the correct item.

- She often **watches / watch / watching** soap operas on TV.
- Tom **sends / is sending / send** you some important documents by email at the moment.
- What **do Matt and Jennie wear / is Matt and Jennie wearing / are Matt and Jennie going to wear** to the party next Friday?
- Simon and I **are usually riding / usually ride / ride usually** a bike to work, but today we **are taking / take / taking** a bus.
- Look! Some people **is dancing / dance / are dancing** Cowboy Boogie on the beach.

Mark: \_\_\_ / 11

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3. Complete the questions and negative sentences using the *present simple* or *present continuous*.

1. What \_\_\_\_\_ (they / mean) by saying that?
2. It \_\_\_\_\_ (not / rain) a lot here in the summer.
3. It is disrespectful! \_\_\_\_\_ (Ted and Maria / always / interrupt) your work?
4. How often \_\_\_\_\_ (she / use) her computer?
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (Sam / take) a shower now?

6. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / see) the manager. Please give a letter of mine.  
 7. He \_\_\_\_\_ (not / remember) the name of the actor.  
 8. She \_\_\_\_\_ (not / understand) the instructions. (Please read) it all in the first one straight!  
 9. The train \_\_\_\_\_ (not / arrive) on time today.  
 10. The car \_\_\_\_\_ (not / go) to the garage. I need to talk to you.

Mark: \_\_\_ / 10

4. Fill in the gaps with the *present simple* or *present continuous*.

David 1) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a police detective. He 2) \_\_\_\_\_ (fight) crime in the city. Every day he 3) \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) a neat black suit with a well fitted tie and 4) \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) a fast police car. David 5) \_\_\_\_\_ (usually / work) alone, but today he 6) \_\_\_\_\_ (arrange) a meeting with his partner, Jennie.

A group of students with a large amount of money have a good time in Thailand this afternoon. They 1) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in the street when they 2) \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a man who 3) \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to steal the hand bag of a woman from the coffee shop across the road. They 4) \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) and 5) \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a long look at the man. They 6) \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to go and tell the police.

At the moment the police 1) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in the station in the area. They 2) \_\_\_\_\_ (not / know) how long it will take to catch the thief.

It is a beautiful day. The sun 1) \_\_\_\_\_ (shine) at present quite well.

Mark: \_\_\_ / 14

Total: \_\_\_ / 48

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Test 1. Key

1.

1. usually spend; am / 'm having (Daily routine; action taking place around now)
2. is / 's getting (Action taking place around now)
3. is / 's going (Planned action taking place in the near future)
4. Do, remember; drops (Question with a state verb; repeated action)
5. are; want (State verb; State verb)
6. are; doing (Question about an action taking place at the time of speaking)
7. always plays (Repeated action)
8. is selling (Action taking place at the time of speaking)
9. are you / aren't working (Planned action which is not happening in the near future)
10. arrives (Action based on a timetable)

2.

1. watches (Repeated action, third person singular)
2. is sending (Action taking place at the time of speaking)
3. are Matt and Jennie going to wear (Future intentions)
4. usually ride; are taking (Repeated action, the adverb of frequency goes before the verb in the affirmative sentence; action taking place around the time of speaking)
5. are dancing (Action taking place at the time of speaking)
6. don't know (State verb, third person singular negative)
7. stops (Action based on a timetable, third person singular)
8. is thinking (Planned action taking place in the near future. Another comment on the verb used in a continuous present is a present verb)
9. are (State verb, third person in a general question, third person plural)
10. are doing (Action taking place around now. Change in the ending of the verb used as it could with -

3.

1. do they mean (Question with a state verb)
2. does not / doesn't rain (Action which does not repeat)
3. Are Ted and Maria always interrupting (Question about a repeated action expressing annoyance, anger or irritation)