



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

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1. Complete the sentences with the **present simple** or the **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.

- What _____ (do) you and Simon _____ (do) now?
 1. The children _____ (play) _____ in the living room before going to bed.
- He _____ (wait) _____ for the bus every day.
- She _____ (work) _____ in a shop every week.
- He _____ (live) _____ in London at the moment.

Mark: ___ /13

2. Choose the correct item.

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

1. What _____ (do) you and Simon _____ (do) now?
 1. The plane _____ (depart) _____ at 11.15 tonight.
2. He _____ (wait) _____ for the bus every day.
3. She _____ (work) _____ in a shop every week.
4. He _____ (live) _____ in London at the moment.

Mark: ___ /11

3. Complete the questions and negative sentences using the *present simple* or the *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 / stop) until I have finished this project.
7. He _____ (not / work) in the office.
8. There _____ (not / be) any more of those things.
9. What _____ (she / do) in the evening?
10. They _____ (not / go) to the gym.

Mark: ___ / 10

4. Fill in the gaps with the *present simple* or the *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) _____ (investigate) a complex bank robbery with his partner, Officer Jane.

A gang of criminals stole a huge amount of money from a small bank in Westfield this afternoon. Now _____ (investigate) the robbery. _____ (try) to get the money back. _____ (be) in the office. _____ (be) in the office. _____ (be) in the office.

At the moment the police _____ (try) to get the money back. _____ (be) in the office. _____ (be) in the office.

It is a complicated case. The police _____ (try) to get the money back.

Mark: ___ / 14

Total: ___ / 48

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Test 1. Key

1.

1. **usually spend; am / 'm having** (Present simple affirmative: a daily routine. The adverb of frequency is used before the main verb; Present continuous affirmative: a planned action that is taking place in the near future.)
2. **is / 's getting** (Present continuous affirmative: an action that is taking place at the time of speaking.)
3. **is / 's going** (Present continuous affirmative: a planned action that is taking place in the near future.)
4. **Do, remember; drops** (Present simple interrogative: a question that is formed using a state verb; Present simple affirmative: a repeated action)
5. **are; want** (Present simple affirmative: a use of a state verb; Present simple affirmative: a use of a state verb)

6. **isn't doing** (Present continuous negative: an action that is not taking place at the time of speaking.)
7. **doesn't go** (Present simple negative: a repeated action. The adverb of frequency is used before the main verb.)
8. **isn't doing** (Present continuous negative: an action that is not taking place at the time of speaking.)
9. **aren't / aren't heading** (Present continuous negative: a planned action that is not taking place in the near future.)
10. **action** (Present simple affirmative: an action that takes place according to a programme.)

2.

1. **watches** (Present simple: a repeated action. The adverb of frequency is used before the main verb.)
2. **is sending** (Present continuous: an action that is taking place at the time of speaking.)
3. **are Matt and Jennie wearing** (Third-person plural)
4. **usually ride; are taking** (Present simple: a repeated action; Present continuous: an action that is taking place in the near future.)
5. **are dancing** (Present continuous: an action that is taking place at the time of speaking.)

6. **isn't doing** (Present continuous negative: an action that is not taking place at the time of speaking.)
7. **doesn't go** (Present simple negative: a repeated action according to a programme.)
8. **isn't doing** (Present continuous negative: an action that is not taking place at the time of speaking.)
9. **isn't doing** (Present continuous negative: an action that is not taking place at the time of speaking.)
10. **isn't doing** (Present continuous negative: an action that is not taking place at the time of speaking.)

3.

1. **do they mean** (Present simple interrogative: a question that is formed using a state verb.)
2. **does not / doesn't rain** (Present simple negative: an action that does not repeat.)
3. **Are Ted and Maria always interrupting** (Present continuous interrogative: a question if an annoying action is repeating in the present)
4. **does she use** (Present simple interrogative: the question refers to a repeated action.)
5. **Is Sam taking** (Present continuous interrogative: a question if an action is taking place at the time of speaking.)

6. **isn't doing** (Present continuous negative: an action that is not taking place at the time of speaking.)
7. **isn't / isn't heading** (Present continuous negative: an action that is not taking place at the time of speaking.)
8. **Are Ted and Maria always interrupting** (Present continuous interrogative: a question if an action is taking place in the near future.)
9. **Does she perform** (Present simple interrogative: the question refers to an action that takes place according to a programme.)
10. **aren't / aren't heading** (Present continuous negative: a planned action.)

4.

1. **is** (Present simple affirmative: a use of a state verb)
2. **fights** (Present simple affirmative: a daily routine)
3. **wears** (Present simple affirmative: a daily routine)
4. **drives** (Present simple affirmative: a daily routine)
5. **usually works** (Present simple affirmative: a repeated action. The adverb of frequency is used before the main verb.)
6. **is / 's investigating** (Present continuous affirmative: an action that is taking place around now.)
7. **are / 're heading** (Present continuous affirmative: an action that is taking place at the time of speaking.)

8. **isn't doing** (Present continuous negative: a planned action.)
9. **isn't / isn't heading** (Present continuous negative: an action that is not taking place at the time of speaking.)
10. **isn't / isn't heading** (Present continuous negative: a planned action.)
11. **isn't doing** (Present continuous negative: an action that is not taking place at the time of speaking.)
12. **isn't doing** (Present continuous negative: an action that is not taking place at the time of speaking.)
13. **isn't doing** (Present continuous negative: an action that is not taking place at the time of speaking.)
14. **isn't / isn't heading** (Present continuous negative: a planned action.)