

Present Simple vs Present Continuous

Activity Sheet (page 1/2)

Intermediate

A. Complete the sentences describing the uses of the Present Simple and Present Continuous by writing 'PS' for Present Simple or 'PC' for Present Continuous.

- The is used to describe facts, habits, and things that are always true.
- The is used to describe events in progress, temporary things, and arrangements.
- The is used with expressions like *often*, *once a week*, *every day*.
- The is used with expressions like *right now*, *at the moment*.
- The is used with action verbs only.
- The is used with both action and state verbs.
- The auxiliary of the is 'do'. The auxiliary of the is 'be'.

B. Match the beginnings of the sentences with the correct endings.

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| 1. Joan cleans her flat | a. today to try out my new surf board. |
| 2. Bill is cleaning his flat | b. every day. She doesn't like mess. |
| 3. I wear a blue jacket | c. That's why she gets such good grades. |
| 4. I am wearing a jacket | d. in the school cafeteria during the week. |
| 5. Sue studies hard. | e. every weekend in summer. I love to swim. |
| 6. Sam is studying a lot | f. right now because it's chilly outside. |
| 7. I am having lunch | g. now because it's untidy. |
| 8. I have lunch | h. in a restaurant today because it's my birthday. |
| 9. I go to the beach | i. at the moment because he has exams soon. |
| 10. I'm going to the beach | j. to school in winter. It matches my uniform. |

C. Read the passage below and circle the correct tense.

I usually (1. *go / am going*) abroad every summer. This year, however, I (2. *stay / am staying*) at home. This is because I now (3. *have / am having*) a puppy named Bill. Right now Bill and I (4. *walk / are walking*) to the park to meet my friend and his dog. We (5. *do / are doing*) this every morning and the dogs (6. *love / are loving*) playing together. It (7. *is / is being*) very sunny today and I (8. *carry / am carrying*) a bag full of food because we (9. *meet / are meeting*) some friends for a picnic after our walk. (10. *I am / am being*) already hungry though, so I might start eating now.

D. The sentences below are grammatically incorrect. Rewrite them correctly.

1. I make myself a coffee right now. Are you want one?

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2. What is he doing? He is being a nurse.

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3. Jerry are on a diet. He tries to lose weight.

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4. Sam is not liking tea. He drink coffee instead.

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5. I go to the shop in a minute. Do you coming?

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E. Choose one of the verbs below and make sentences that you think are true about your partner using either the Present Simple or Present Continuous tense, then adding a word, number or time of your own in the second space. Afterwards, compare your sentences, and see how many of your guesses were correct.

go eat feel drink look forward think go off wear be (2)

1. Your alarm usually at (time) each morning.

2. You to (place) after class today.

3. You about (noun) at the moment.

4. You dinner at (time) every day.

5. Your favourite food (noun)

6. You (colour) socks today.

7. You normally (number) cups of coffee a day.

8. You to (verb) this weekend.

9. You good at (noun)

10. You very (adjective) at the moment.