

Present Simple or Present Continuous?

I - Complete the sentences with the verbs in the **PRESENT SIMPLE** or the **PRESENT CONTINUOUS**, using **contracted forms** when possible. Then look at the pictures and try to tell your classmate something about Ashley or Josh.

*Have a look at the grammar notes on p.3 if you need to revise.

- Ashley.....(be) from New York.
- She(relax) by playing her guitar every evening or going swimming.
- At the moment she.....(study) for her Geometry test.
- She(want) to phone her friend Josh after she(finish) her homework.
- Ashley's friends (be) very important for her, especially Josh.
- Josh(live) in San Francisco. He(play) football or soccer, as he says, every day. Josh and Ashley sometimes(chat) online.
- Ashley always (send) Josh emails and sometimes she(text) him.
- Her sister, Kate, (do)yoga in this photo.
- Ashley(be) a very busy girl. She(take) music and French lessons on Fridays this semester.
- She also(teach) the young kids to swim at the club!
- Look at Ashley's friends in this photo!(they - dance) on a bridge in San Francisco?
- One of Ashley's friends (phone).....her now.
- What do you think they(talk) about?
- Ashley(take) pictures every time she(go) sightseeing.
- She(skate) in the Central Park in this photo.
- The boy who(wear) an orange T-shirt and jeans is Jamie. He(not sing) so well but he(play) the guitar as a professional .
- Jamie(not like) Mathematics classes. Look! He(sleep) in the classroom!
- What about you? (you-like) all your school subjects?
- Students usually(love) P.E. but some of them(not enjoy) foreign languages .
- How many subjects (you - have) at school?



II - Tick the correct sentence and match it to its picture:

1a. Look! Jim's wearing a red shirt and black shorts.

1b. Look! Jim wears a white shirt and a tie.

2a. She's often watching TV on Friday nights.

2b. She often watches TV on Friday nights

3a. I'm always getting up at 7 on Saturdays.

3b. I always get up at 7 on Saturdays.

4a. Jay is chatting with a lot of people at the moment.

4b. Jay chats with a lot of people at the moment.

5a. My friends Helen and Susan do yoga.

They like it a lot.

5b. My friends Helen and Susan are doing yoga .

They're liking it a lot.

6a. The girl sits at her desk.

6b. The girl is sitting at her desk.

7a. I think he's taking the old man's wallet now

7b. I think he takes the old man's wallet now

8a. What are you meaning? The tall man wearing a cap is a thief!?

8b. What do you mean? The tall man wearing a cap is a thief?

9a. Mr Smith is the man who sits next to Sue

9b. Mr. Smith is the man who's sitting next to Sue

10a. The girl isn't waiting for a taxi.

10b. The girl doesn't wait for a taxi.

11a. Do you want something to eat?

11b. Are you wanting something to eat?.

12a. Is that girl eating sushi or sashimi?

12b. Does that girl eat sushi or sashimi?



A



B



C



D



E



F



G



H



I



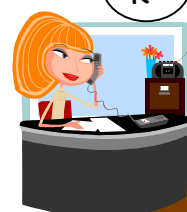
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M



L



K



J

Grammar Notes

1 Use of the present simple.

It describes...

- regular activities

I usually get up at 6 on weekdays.

- permanent situations

He lives in San Francisco

- schedules

Classes start at 7a.m.

- jobs and occupations

She writes stories for children. I'm an engineer.

- states

I know the answer

I like music

2 Form of the present simple

It's the base form (enlisted in the dictionary) of **most verbs for every person except the 3rd**.

3. 3rd person singular

Most verbs add S to the base form.

She reads books when she's on holiday.

Irregular verbs such as HAVE and BE **have a different form for He, She, It.**

She is tall and blond.

He has blue eyes.

4. Verbs ending in O or sibilant sounds add -ES to the 3rd person singular :

He goes to school by bus.

She teaches French.

Time whizzes when you're enjoying yourself.

5. See how verbs in y change with he-she-it

FLY (cons.+ y) - *She flies her kite in the park.*

BUY (vowel + y) - *My sister buys sweets at school.*

6. Use DO (NOT)- DOES (NOT) to make negative sentences and interrogative forms.

Does she speak Russian?

I don't know the answer

1. Use the present continuous/progressive to talk about

- what's happening **now**
- **temporary** events or situations

2. The form of this tense is

- pronoun
- the present simple of **BE** + the main verb in its **-ing** form

We are talking to our friends now.

3. Most verbs add **-ing** to the main verb.

4. Verbs ending in e drop the e and add **-ing** as intake - taking or come - coming.

5. Verbs of one syllable ending in a single vowel and single consonant double the final consonant as in swim- swimming; run- running; put- putting; shop- shopping.



KEY

TASK I -

1. Ashley is (be) from New York.
2. She relaxes (relax) by playing her guitar every evening or going swimming.
3. At the moment she's studying (study) for her Geometry test.
4. She wants (want) to contact her friend Josh after she finishes (finish) her homework.
5. Her friends are (be) very important for her, especially Josh.
6. Josh lives (live) in San Francisco. He plays (play) football or soccer, as he says, every day. Josh and Ashley sometimes chat (chat) online.
7. Ashley always sends (send) Josh emails and sometimes she texts (text) him.
8. Her sister (do) is doing yoga in this photo.
9. Ashley's (be) a very busy girl. She's taking (take) music and French lessons on Fridays this semester.
10. She's also teaching (also teach) the young kids to swim at the club.
11. Look at Ashley's friends in this photo! Are they dancing (dance) on a bridge in San Francisco?
12. One of Ashley's friends (phone) is phoning her now.
13. What do you think they're talking (talk) about?
14. Ashley takes (take) pictures every time she goes (go) sightseeing.
15. She's skating (skate) in the Central Park in this photo.
16. The boy who's wearing (wear) an orange T-shirt and jeans is Jamie. He doesn't sing (not sing) so well but he plays (play) the guitar as a professional.
17. Jamie doesn't like (not like) Mathematics classes. Look! He 's sleeping (sleep) in the classroom!
18. What about you? Do you like (you-like) all your school subjects?
19. Students usually love (love) P.E. but some of them don't enjoy (not enjoy) foreign languages.
20. How many subjects do you have (you - have) at school?

(see next page for task II- key)

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2b. She often watches TV on Friday nights. ✓ - **C**
- ✓ 3a. I'm always getting up at 7 on Saturdays.
3b. I always get up at 7 on Saturdays. ✓ - **G**
- 4a. Jay is chatting with a lot of people at the moment. ✓ - **M**
4b. Jay chats with a lot of people at the moment.
- 5a. My friends Helen and Susan do yoga. They like it a lot. ✓ - **A**
5b. My friends Helen and Susan are doing yoga. They're liking it a lot.
- 6a. The girl sits at her desk.
6b. The girl is sitting at her desk. ✓ - **K**
- 7a. I think he's taking the old man's wallet now. ✓ **J**
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- 8a. What are you meaning? The tall man wearing a cap is a thief!?
8b. What do you mean? The tall man wearing a cap is a thief!? ✓ - **L**
- 9a. Mr. Smith is the man who sits next to Sue.
9b. Mr. Smith is the man who's sitting next to Sue. ✓ - **H**
- 10a. The girl isn't waiting for a taxi. ✓ - **I**
10b. The girl doesn't wait for a taxi.
- 11a. Do you want something to eat? ✓ - **F**
11b. Are you wanting something to eat?
- 12a. Is she eating sushi or sashimi? ✓ - **D**
12b. Does she eat sushi or sashimi?