

The simple present and the present continuous

Put the verbs in brackets into the simple present or the present continuous tense.

- 1 Cuckoos (not build) nests. They (use) the nests of other birds. **(don't build/use)**
- 2 You can't see Tom now: he (have) a bath. **(is having)**
- 3 He usually (drink) coffee but today he (drink) tea. **(drinks/is drinking)**
- 4 What she (do) in the evenings? ~ **(does she do)**
She usually (play) cards or (watch) TV. **(plays/watches)**
- 5 I won't go out now as it (rain) and I -(not have) an umbrella.**(is raining/don't have)**
- 6 The last train (leave) the station at 11.30.**(leaves)**
- 7 He usually (speak) so quickly that I (not understand) him. **(speaks/don't understand)**
- 8 Ann (make) a dress for herself at the moment. She (make) all her own clothes. **(is making/makes)**
- 9 Hardly anyone (wear) a hat nowadays.**(wears)**
- 10 I'm afraid I've broken one of your coffee cups. —
Don't worry. I (not like) that set anyway.**(don't like)**
- 11 I (wear) my sunglasses today because the sun is very strong.**(am wearing)**
- 12 Tom can't have the newspaper now because his aunt (read) it.**(is reading)**
- 13 I'm busy at the moment. I (redecorate) the sitting room.**(am redecorating)**
- 14 The kettle (boil) now. Shall I make the tea?**(is boiling)**
- 15 You (enjoy) yourself or would you like to leave now? **(are you enjoying)**
I (enjoy) myself very much. I (want) to stay to the end.**(am enjoying/want)**
- 16 How you (get) to work as a rule? ~**(do you get)**
I usually (go) by bus but tomorrow I (go) in Tom's car.**(go/am going)**
- 17 Why you (put) on your coat? ~**(are you putting)**
I (go) for a walk. You (come) with me?~**(am going/are you coming)**
Yes, I'd love to come. You (mind) if I bring my dog?**(Do you mind)**
- 18 How much you (owe) him?~**(do you owe)**
I (owe) him EUR 5. ~**(owe)**
You (intend) to pay him?**(Do you intend)**
- 19 You (belong) to your local library? ~**(Do you belong)**
Yes, I do. -
You (read) a lot?~**(Do you read)**
Yes, quite a lot. -
How often you (change) your books? —**(do you change)**
I (change) one every day.**(change)**
- 20 Mary usually (learn) languages very quickly but she (not seem) able to learn modern Greek.**(learns/doesn't seem to)**
- 21 I always (buy) lottery tickets but I never (win) anything.**(buy/win)**
- 22 You (like) this necklace? I (give) it to my daughter for her birthday tomorrow.**(Do you like/am giving)**
- 23 I won't tell you my secret unless you (promise) not to tell anyone. -
I (promise).**(promise/promise)**
- 24 You always (write) with your left hand?**(Do you write)**
- 25 You (love) him?~**(Do you love)**

- No, I (like) him very much but I (not love) him.(don't like/don't love)
- 26 You (dream) at night?-(**Do you dream**)
 Yes, I always (dream) and if I (eat) too much supper I (have) (**dream/eat/have**) nightmares.
- 27 The milk (smell) sour. (**smells**)
- 28 These workmen are never satisfied; they always (complain).(are always complaining)
- 29 We (use) this room today because the window in the other room is broken.(are using)
- 30 He always (say) that he will mend the window but he never (do) it.(says/does)
- 31 You (know) why an apple (fall) down and not up?(**Do you know/falls**)
- 32 You (write) to him tonight? -(**are you writing**)
 Yes, I always (write) to him on his birthday. You (want) to send any message?(**write/do you want**)
- 33 Tom and Mr Pitt (have) a long conversation. I (wonder) what they (talk) about.(are having/wonder/are talking)
- 34 You (believe) all that the newspapers say?-(**Do you believe**)
 No, I (not believe) any of it. ~(**don't believe**)
 Then why you (read) newspapers?(**do you read**)
- 35 This car (make) a very strange noise. You (think) it is all right?-(**is making/do you think**)
 Oh, that noise (not matter). It always (make) a noise like that.(**doesn't matter/make**)
- 36 The fire (smoke) horribly. I can't see across the room. -(**is smoking**)
 I (expect) that birds (build) a nest in the chimney. -(**expect/are building**)
 Why you (not put) wire across the tops of your chimneys? -(**don't you put**)
 Tom (do) that sometimes but it (not seem) to make any difference.(**does/doesn't seem**)