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**Exercises**

**Exercise1:** Read the paragraph and answer the questions

Brian is a doctor. He looks after sick people. He usually gets up at 6.00 o’clock. Today he is late, it is 6.30 and he is still in bed. He usually goes to work by train but today he is driving to work. He arrives at work at 6.30 every morning but it is 7.30 now and he is still driving.

It’s 12.00 o’clock now. He always has his lunch at 12.00 but today he isn’t having lunch at 12.00, he is looking after his sick patients. It is half past seven now, Brian is watching TV. He usually watches TV at half past seven because his favorite programme starts at half past seven. Brian has his dinner at 8.30 everyday and he is having dinner now.

It is 24.00 now Brian is going to bed. He always goes to bed at 24.00.

1. What does Brian do? 6. When does he always have his lunch?

2. What time does he usually get up? 7. What is he doing at 12.00 today?

3. How does he usually go to work? 8. Why does he usually watch TV at 7.30?

4. Why is he driving to work today? 9. What time does he go to bed?

5. What time does he arrive at work everyday? 10. What time is he going to bed now?

**Exercise2**: fill in the blanks with present continuous or simple present

1. The children ………………………….. (play) outside now.
2. She usually ………………………. (read) the newspaper in the morning.
3. I …………………………… (do) my homework now.
4. I ………………………… (eat) my dinner now.
5. ……………………………. (you / want) a pizza?
6. They …………………………….. (watch) TV now.
7. I ……………………………. (not / like) spaghetti.
8. The baby …………………………. (sleep) now.
9. My mother usually …………………. (cook) dinner in the evening.
10. He …………………….. (write) a letter to his pen-friend every month.
11. She ………………………. (not / like) football.
12. Mary ………………………….. (listen) to music now.
13. Tom usually ……………………(drink) coffee, but he …………………. (drink) tea now.
14. We ………………………. (go) to the disco tonight.
15. ………………………… (he / go) to work by bus everyday.

**Exercise3:** Circle the correct answer:

1. Look! Thomas is bringing / brings his little sister to class.
2. My older sister is often listening / often listens to pop music.
3. We are writing / write an exercise now.
4. Mmmm! Mum is making / makes a cake.
5. Our teacher is giving / gives us a test every month.
6. Listen! Dad is reading / reads a story to Ricky.
7. Mr. Michael usually is growing / grows roses in his garden.
8. They are building / build a new house on the hill now.
9. Maria is drinking / drinks milk every morning.
10. Look! Nick is running / runs down the hill.

**Exercise 4:** Choose the present simple or present continuous for the verbs in these texts.

1 Fletcher (pass) to Coles who (shoot) just over the bar. United (attack) much more in this half...

2 A man (come) home late one night after the office Christmas party. His wife (wait) for him, and she (say) to him...

3 Now that the rice (cook) you (chop up) the carrots and tomatoes and you (put) them in a dish...

**Test**

**A: Put in the present continuous form of the verb in brackets.**

1. Please be quiet. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (try) to read my book.

2. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/use) the computer at the moment so you can use it.

3. Mary is ill so Sue \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (teach) her 1essons today.

4. Excuse me, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (look) for a hotel. Is there one near here?

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you/wait) for someone?

6. Jack, you are very careless. You \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (always/forget) to do your

homework!

7. The cost of living \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (rise) very fast. Every year things are more

expensive.

8. What \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you/do)? I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (clean) my shoes.

9. Why \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/wear) shorts? It's so hot today.

10. The neighbours are so noisy! They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (always/argue) 1oudly.

**B: Put the verb into the correct form, present continuous or present simple.**

1. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/belong) to this particu1ar government committee.

2. Hurry! The bus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (come). I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/want) to miss it.

3. Gregory is a vegetarian. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/eat) meat.

4. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1ook) for the manager. I can't find him anywhere.

5. We are successful because we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (take) the time to ta1k to our customers.

6. John \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (deal) with all the enquiries about sales.

7. At the moment we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (make) a training video for Siemens.

8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you/know) what Mr Briceson \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (do)? He is not in

his office.

9. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (apply) for a job in the sales department, but I don't know if I will be

successful.

It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (depend) on whether or not they have any vacancies.

10. Unemployment \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (fa1l) and is now down to 5.6%.

11. Jane is doing some research in the library. She needs it for a book she

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (write).

12. While Anna is away on holidays, Matt \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (work) in her office.

13. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (teach) French and German at University and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(learn) Greek.

14. There \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be)two flights to Honduras this afternoon. The British Airways

flight \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1eave) at 13:00 and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) at 22:00.

15. Inflation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (rise) at a rate of 2% per annum.

**C: Put the verb in brackets into the present simple or the present continuous.**

1. She a1ways \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (remember) my birthday.

2. Mr Brown \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (work) in a supermarket.

3. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (work) in this factory until I find a better job.

4. Look! It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (snow).

5. Can you hear those girls? What \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (they/ta1k) about?

6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you/know) Helen?

7. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (never/go) to work by tube. It is too busy.

8. When I'm in Paris I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (usually/stay) in the Hotel du Pont, but this

time I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (stay) in the more expensive Hotel Notre Dame.

9. Ruth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) a vegetarian. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/eat) meat or fish.

10. My father \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) an engineer, but he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/work) right

now.

11. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you/believe) in ghosts?

12. My parents \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Sydney. Where \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (your

parents/1ive)?

13. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (own) two cars, an estate car and a sports car.

14. Can you drive? No, but I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (learn) at the moment.

15. Look! That woman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (try) to steal that man's wallet.

16. The River Nile \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (f1ow) into the Mediterranean.

17. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you/like) Bon Jovi?

18. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (get) thirsty. Let's get something to drink.

19. Those f1owers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (smell) lovely. What are they?

20. Jane \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (repair) her bike. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (know) exactly what to