

# Present Time

## 1. Choose the most suitable tense.

1. What sort of work do you do / are you doing?
2. I can't talk now. I cook / I'm cooking the dinner.
3. What shall we have? Do you like / Are you liking fish?
4. Can I borrow this typewriter? Or do you / are you using it?
5. What do people here do / are the people here doing in the evenings?
6. Follow that bus. Then you turn / you are turning left.
7. A lot of people think that the Sun goes / is going around the Earth.
8. Excuse me, do you read / are you reading your newspaper? Could I borrow it?
9. Do you wait / Are you waiting for the bus to Newcastle?
10. Andy builds / is building his own house in the country.

## 2. Put each verb in brackets into either the present simple or the present continuous.

1. There's nobody here, and the door's locked. What (we do) do we do now?
2. What (you look) .....at? (I wear).....the wrong clothes again?
3. I (look after) .....Jack's dog this weekend. (You want) ..... to take it for a walk?
4. Who (drive) ..... that Mercedes that's parked outside?
5. I (still have) ..... a pain in my leg but it (get) .....better.
6. Who (Sue dance) ..... with? That's not her brother, is it?
7. Harry (look) .....very untidy! He (wear).....dirty jeans all the time.
8. I (write) ..... in reply to your advertisement in the Daily News.
9. That plant I bought (not grow) ..... very much. And I (wear) ..... it every day.
10. Which hotel (you stay) .....in whenever you (come).....here?

## 3. Decide whether the verb underlined refers to present or future time.

1. Where are you staying on Saturday night /future/ .
2. George retires at the end of next year. /...../
3. What are we doing when the guests arrive? /...../
4. I'm trying really hard to understand this book. /...../
5. Wait for me here until I get back. /...../
6. Sue is leaving in the morning.
7. I'm waiting for a bus. /...../
8. I'm off now, and I'm taking the car. /...../
9. They're showing a Woody Allen film on Channel 4 tonight. /...../
10. I'm going for a walk this evening. /...../

**4. Rewrite each sentence, replacing the underlined words by using one of the verbs from the list.**

be cost feel have see smell taste have think of have

1. This flower has w wonderful perfume.
2. **This flower smells wonderful.**
3. I think you are behaving in a very silly way.
4. .... .
5. She is expecting a baby in the summer.
6. .... .
7. Nancy is considering moving to Scotland.
8. .... .
9. Don't go in. They are holding a meeting.
10. .... .
11. I am meeting Janet this evening actually.
12. .... .
13. Good clothes are becoming more and more expensive.
14. .... .
15. I am just trying the soup to see if it needs more salt.
16. .... .
17. Helen is taking a bath at the moment.
18. .... .
19. I think that you would be happier in another job.
20. .... .

**5. Put each verb in brackets into either the present simple or the present continuous.**

Dear Aunt Jean,

I (1) am just writing (just write) to tell you how much I (2).....(appreciate) the money you sent me, and tell you how I (3) ..... (get on) in my first term at university. Actually, I (4) ..... (really enjoy) myself! I (5) .....(study) quite hard as well, but at the moment I (6).....(spend) a lot of time just making friends. I (7) .....(still stay) with my friend Sue, and I (8)..... (look for) somewhere of my own to live. Only a few of the first-year students (9) .....(live) in the college here, and I (10) .....(seem) to be spending a lot of time traveling backwards and forwards. I (11) .....(go) to lectures every morning, and most afternoons I (12) .....(study) in the library. In fact I (13).....(write) this letter instead of an essay on "Hamlet"! I (14) .....(think) I'll buy some new clothes with the money you sent . Everything (15) .....(cost) a lot here, and I (16).....(save) to buy a

winter coat. It (17).....(get) really cold here in the evenings. I (18) .....(know) lots of other students and generally speaking we (19) .....(have) quite a good time socially! I (20) .....(also learn) to drive.

Checking test. Fill in **present continuous/ to be going to / will**

**6. Choose the most suitable tense.**

1. Look out! That tree.....(will fall/is going to fall)!
2. Great news! Jean and Chris.....(will come/are coming) to stay with us.
3. Look at me. I feel sick. The doctor says I.....(will have/am going to have) a flu.
4. Can you call me at 7:00, because I.....(will leave/ am leaving) tomorrow.
5. I can't see you on Thursday afternoon. I.....(will visit/am visiting) our grandfather.
6. I see, you don't want to change your decision. (Are you going to take/Are you taking).....your dog with you to Scotland.
7. Can you answer the phone for me? I (will lie down/am going to lie down)..... for a while.
8. All the hotels are full. Where we (are spending/ are going to spend)..... the night.
9. What time your plane (is leaving/will leave)..... tomorrow morning.
10. Don't worry! The plane (will land/is going to land)..... in a moment.
11. Professor Smith (is holding/ will hold)..... a press conference next week to describe the computer which he calls "Computafuture".
12. This computer can tell us what life (will be/is going to be).....like in year 2300.
13. When I see you tomorrow, I (will tell/am going to tell).....you my news.
14. As soon as we get there, we (will phone/are going to phone).....for taxi.
15. I.....(am sweeping/ am going to sweep) my house at that moment.
16. I.....(am watching/will watch) television now.
17. She.....(is looking for/is going to look for) her boyfriend this day.
18. He.....(is talking/will talk) to his English teacher next week.