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Exercise 24

Present Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in simple present tense or present progressive tense.

Example: I (watch) watch a lot of movies. [*simple present tense*]

Example: I (watch) am watching a movie now. [*present progressive tense*]

Example: You / We / They (play) play games every day. [*simple present tense*]

Example: You / We / they (play) are playing a game now. [*present progressive tense*]

Example: He / She / It (eat) eats eggs for breakfast. [*simple present tense*]

Example: He / She / It (eat) is eating an egg now. [*present progressive tense*]

- 1) Right now I (watch) am watching a movie. I (watch) watch a lot of movies.
- 2) Rickie (be) is my friend. We (like) like to talk together. Right now we (talk) are talking about school.
- 3) The police officer (wear) wears a badge and a gun to work every day.
- 4) Jaime usually (eat) eats cold cereal for breakfast, but today he (eat) is eating oatmeal instead.
- 5) Alison and I (study) are studying for the exam. We (not, want) do not want to fail it!
- 6) Jonas (sing) sings in the band on Saturdays, and Veda (play) plays the guitar.
- 7) My uncle (live) lives in Tennessee. I (live) live in North Carolina.
- 8) My mom (cook) is cooking dinner tonight. (You, want) Do you want to eat with us?
- 9) Tiffany and Mark (travel) are traveling to Spain. They will stay in Madrid.
- 10) We (read) read the newspaper every morning.



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Exercise 14

Review of the Simple Past Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in parentheses in simple past tense.

When Abby (be) was⁽¹⁾ seven years old, she (do, not, like) did not like
_____⁽²⁾ piano lessons. She (do, not, like) did not like
_____⁽³⁾ to practice,
and sometimes she even (cry) cried⁽⁴⁾ when it (be) was⁽⁵⁾ time to
practice. Finally, she (stop) stopped⁽⁶⁾ taking lessons.

Some of Abby's friends (do, not, quit) did not quit
_____⁽⁷⁾ their
continued
lessons. They (continue) _____⁽⁸⁾ to play. After much practice, they
(learn) learned⁽⁹⁾ to play very well.



About ten years (pass) passed⁽¹⁰⁾ before Abby (become) became⁽¹¹⁾ interested in
music or the piano again. After she (graduate) graduated⁽¹²⁾ from high school, Abby
(decide) decided⁽¹³⁾ that she (want) wanted⁽¹⁴⁾ to study music in college. She (call)
called⁽¹⁵⁾ the lady who (teach) taught⁽¹⁶⁾ her when she (be) was⁽¹⁷⁾ a little girl.
The lady (say) said⁽¹⁸⁾ she would teach Abby again.

The lady (need) needed⁽¹⁹⁾ someone to help her daughter with homework. Abby
(say) said⁽²⁰⁾ she would help with homework in exchange for lessons. Because of
this, the piano lessons (cost) cost⁽²¹⁾ her nothing!

She (work) worked⁽²²⁾ very hard to catch up. Now she is making good progress.
Soon she will go to college, majoring in music.

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Exercise 10

Present Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in simple present tense.

Example: I/You/We/They (play) play the guitar.

Example: He/She/It (play) plays the guitar.

- Mary (be) is twenty-nine years old.
- We (like) like to eat fruit. It (taste) tastes good.
- The football team never (score) scores. It (lose) loses all the time.
- Roberta and Betty always (talk) talk to each other on the phone.
- Jose and I (study) study chemistry together.
- The car (have) has a flat tire.
- You never (make) make breakfast for me. I always (have) have to make it myself.
- The mechanic (fix) fixes my car when it breaks down.
- Tom rarely (fly) flies. He usually (drive) drives.
- I usually (watch) watch TV, but tonight I (think) think I will read a book.
- Igor (call) calls his mother on the phone every day.
- When he (be) is alone at night, Beto sometimes (get) gets scared.
- I (be) am tired. I (think) think I am going to take a nap.
- Cakes (be) are hard to make. They (require) require a lot of work.
- Joel (like) likes to play soccer. He (practice) practices every day.

