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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) \_\_\_\_\_ a movie. I (watch) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of movies.
- 2) Rickie (be) \_\_\_\_\_ my friend. We (like) \_\_\_\_\_ to talk together. Right now we (talk) \_\_\_\_\_ about school.
- 3) The police officer (wear) \_\_\_\_\_ a badge and a gun to work every day.
- 4) Jaime usually (eat) \_\_\_\_\_ cold cereal for breakfast, but today he (eat) \_\_\_\_\_ oatmeal instead.
- 5) Alison and I (study) \_\_\_\_\_ for the exam. We (not, want) \_\_\_\_\_ to fail it!
- 6) Jonas (sing) \_\_\_\_\_ in the band on Saturdays, and Veda (play) \_\_\_\_\_ the guitar.
- 7) My uncle (live) \_\_\_\_\_ in Tennessee. I (live) \_\_\_\_\_ in North Carolina.
- 8) My mom (cook) \_\_\_\_\_ dinner tonight. (You, want) \_\_\_\_\_ to eat with us?
- 9) Tiffany and Mark (travel) \_\_\_\_\_ to Spain. They will stay in Madrid.
- 10) We (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**<sup>(1)</sup> seven years old, she (do, not, like) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_<sup>(2)</sup> piano lessons. She (do, not, like) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(3)</sup> to practice,  
and sometimes she even (cry) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(4)</sup> when it (be) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(5)</sup> time to  
practice. Finally, she (stop) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(6)</sup> taking lessons.

Some of Abby's friends (do, not, quit) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(7)</sup> their  
lessons. They (continue) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(8)</sup> to play. After much practice, they  
(learn) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(9)</sup> to play very well.



About ten years (pass) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(10)</sup> before Abby (become) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(11)</sup> interested in  
music or the piano again. After she (graduate) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(12)</sup> from high school, Abby  
(decide) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(13)</sup> that she (want) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(14)</sup> to study music in college. She (call)  
\_\_\_\_\_<sup>(15)</sup> the lady who (teach) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(16)</sup> her when she (be) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(17)</sup> a little girl.  
The lady (say) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(18)</sup> she would teach Abby again.

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

She (work) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(22)</sup> 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.

- 1) Mary (be) \_\_\_\_\_ twenty-nine years old.
- 2) We (like) \_\_\_\_\_ to eat fruit. It (taste) \_\_\_\_\_ good.
- 3) The football team never (score) \_\_\_\_\_. It (lose) \_\_\_\_\_ all the time.
- 4) Roberta and Betty always (talk) \_\_\_\_\_ to each other on the phone.
- 5) Jose and I (study) \_\_\_\_\_ chemistry together.
- 6) The car (have) \_\_\_\_\_ a flat tire.
- 7) You never (make) \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast for me. I always (have) \_\_\_\_\_ to make it myself.
- 8) The mechanic (fix) \_\_\_\_\_ my car when it breaks down.
- 9) Tom rarely (fly) \_\_\_\_\_. He usually (drive) \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10) I usually (watch) \_\_\_\_\_ TV, but tonight I (think) \_\_\_\_\_ I will read a book.
- 11) Igor (call) \_\_\_\_\_ his mother on the phone every day.
- 12) When he (be) \_\_\_\_\_ alone at night, Beto sometimes (get) \_\_\_\_\_ scared.
- 13) I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ tired. I (think) \_\_\_\_\_ I am going to take a nap.
- 14) Cakes (be) \_\_\_\_\_ hard to make. They (require) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of work.
- 15) Joel (like) \_\_\_\_\_ to play soccer. He (practice) \_\_\_\_\_ every day.

