Present Continuous exercises with answers

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Choose the right option

I _____ to music at the moment.

a) is listening b) listen c) am listening

2. Fill in the gaps

I am _____ an email, and my brother is _____ on the bed.

Words: lying / writing / lie / writting / lieing

3. Choose the right option

It _____ now, so we are playing in the garden.

a) not raining b) isn't raining c) doesn't rain

4. Choose the right option

Is Sam playing football? Yes, he _____.

a) are b) does c) is

5. Fill in the gaps

Sam _____ football every Sunday, but today he _____ his homework.

Words: do / play / is doing / is playing / plays

6. Choose the right option

I _____ Tom at the cinema tomorrow.

a) meeting b) am meeting c) meet

7. Fill in the gaps

Tom and Sam _____ _____ Dad in the kitchen now.

Words: are / helps / is / helping / help

8. Choose the right option

Tom is _____ a letter to his grandmother.

a) writting b) writeing c) writing

9. Choose the right option

My parents _____ TV at the moment. They are in the garden.

a) aren't watching b) isn't watching c) don't watching

10. Fill in the gaps

_____ your friends waiting for us? No, they _____.

Words: Is / Are / isn't / Do / aren't / don't

11. Put the words in order

Say how your sister usually gets to school

usually / sister / walking / walk / My / school / to / walks

Not all words are needed.

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12. Choose the right option

_____ you doing anything tonight?

a) Are b) Do c) Is

13. Put the words in order

Tell a friend what your brothers are busy with now

the / at / They / football / playing / play / moment / are / is

Not all words are needed.

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14. Choose the right option

The children are _____ in the sea.

a) swim b) swimming c) swiming

15. Fill in the gaps

The children _____ _____ now. They are playing football.

Words: not / sleeping / sleep / isn't / aren't

16. Put the words in order

Ask a friend what dish his mum is making now

are / mum / cooks / What / is / cooking / your / does

Not all words are needed.

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17. Choose the right option

Tom usually _____ to work, but today he is walking.

a) drives b) is driving c) drive

18. Fill in the gaps

Tom _____ _____ tennis on Saturday. He is visiting his grandmother.

Words: isn't / playing / play / not / aren't

19. Choose the right option

The children _____ in the garden now.

a) is playing b) play c) are playing

20. Choose the right option

Our cat is _____ on the sofa.

a) lying b) lieing c) lies

21. Choose the right option

I _____ today. I'm on holiday.

a) am not working b) don't working c) not working

22. Choose the right option

What _____ Anna doing now?

a) are b) does c) is

23. Choose the right option

Ali is in the kitchen. He _____ at the moment.

a) cook b) cooks c) is cooking

24. Choose the right option

My grandparents _____ us this Sunday.

a) is visiting b) are visiting c) visit

Answers

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1. **am listening**
   The subject is *I*, so we use *am*. *At the moment* shows an action in progress: *am listening*.

2. **writing ... lying**
   Drop the *e* in *write* and don't double the *t*: *writing*. *Lie* ends in *-ie*, so we write *lying*.

3. **isn't raining**
   Now shows that we mean this moment, so we use *isn't* + *-ing*, not *doesn't*.

4. **is**
   The question has *is*, so the short answer has *is* too, not *does*.

5. **plays ... is doing**
   Every Sunday shows a habit, so we use *plays*. *Today* shows a change from the usual, so *is doing*.

6. **am meeting**
   The meeting is a fixed plan, and *tomorrow* shows the future. So we use *am meeting*, not *meet*.

7. **are ... helping**
   Tom and Sam = *they*, so we use *are*. *Now* shows an action in progress, so we need *helping*, not *help*.

8. **writing**
   Write ends in *-e*, so we drop the *e*: *writing*. We don't double the *t*: *write* doesn't end in consonant + vowel + consonant.

9. **aren't watching**
   My parents = *they*, so we use *aren't*. We make the Present Continuous negative without *don't*.

10. **Are ... aren't**
    Your friends = *they*, so we use *Are* and *aren't*. We make Present Continuous questions and short answers without *do*.

11. **My sister usually walks to school.**
    Usually shows a habit, so we use the Present Simple. *My sister* = *she*, so *walks*.

12. **Are**
    We ask about plans for tonight with the Present Continuous: *Are you doing*. Not *Do*.

13. **They are playing football at the moment.**
    At the moment shows an action in progress. With *they* we use *are* + *playing*, not *is* or *play*.

14. **swimming**
    Swim ends in consonant + vowel + consonant, so we double the *m*: *swimming*.

15. **aren't ... sleeping**
    The children = *they*, so we use *aren't* + *sleeping*. We don't use *not* without *are*.

16. What is your mum cooking?

After *what* comes *is*, then the subject and the -ing form. *Your mum* = *she*, so *is*, not *are*, and we don't use *does*.

17. drives

Usually shows a normal habit, so we use the Present Simple: *drives*, not *is driving*.

18. isn't ... playing

Tom has another plan on Saturday, so we use the Present Continuous. Tom = *he*, so *isn't playing*.

19. are playing

The children = *they*, so we use *are*. *Now* shows an action in progress: *are playing*.

20. lying

Lie ends in *-ie*, so we write *-ying*: *lying*, not *lieing*.

21. am not working

With *I* we use *am not* + *-ing*. We need *am*, and we don't use *don't* here.

22. is

Anna = *she*, so we use *is*. After *what*, *is* comes before the subject.

23. is cooking

At the moment shows an action in progress, so we use *is cooking*, not *cooks*.

24. are visiting

This Sunday shows the future, and the visit is a fixed plan. *My grandparents* = *they*, so we use *are visiting*.