Present Continuous — Worksheet

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Choose the correct option (a–d) for each gap or question. Check yourself with the answer key on the last page.

1. Please be quiet. The baby _____ and I don't want to wake her.
   a) are sleeping b) sleeping c) is sleeping d) sleeps

2. Look! Those children _____ on the frozen lake.
   a) are skating b) is skating c) skating d) skate

3. I _____ for my keys. Have you seen them anywhere?
   a) is looking b) am looking c) looking d) look

4. She _____ in the pool right now, so she can't answer her phone.
   a) is swimming b) is swiming c) swimming d) swims

5. Look! He _____ for the bus — he's late again!
   a) is runing b) running c) is running d) runs

6. Dad _____ dinner, so we can't use the kitchen right now.
   a) is making b) is makeing c) making d) makes

7. Why _____ he _____ on the floor? Has he hurt himself?
   a) is … lieing b) is … lie c) are … lying d) is … lying

8. I _____ TV — you can turn it off.
   a) don't watching b) am not watching c) not watching d) isn't watching

9. They _____ at the moment; they're having lunch.
   a) don't working b) isn't working c) not working d) aren't working

10. _____ you _____ to me? You haven't said a word.
    a) Do … listening b) Are … listening c) Is … listening d) Are … listen

11. What _____ she _____ about? She looks so happy.
    a) does … smile b) is … smile c) is … smiling d) are … smiling

12. Can I call you back later? I _____ right now.
    a) drive b) driving c) is driving d) am driving

13. I _____ from home this week because the office is closed.
    a) am working b) work c) works d) working

14. She _____ with her aunt at the moment, until she finds a place of her own.
    a) stays b) is staying c) stay d) staying

15. The weather _____ colder and colder — winter is on its way.

a) get b) getting c) are getting d) is getting

16. We _____ my parents on Saturday — we've already bought the train tickets.

a) are visiting b) visit c) visits d) visiting

17. What _____ you _____ tonight? Do you want to come to a concert with us?

a) do … do b) are … do c) are … doing d) is … doing

18. Listen! Someone _____ the piano next door.

a) plays b) is playing c) play d) playing

19. Look outside — it _____ again, and the roads are already white.

a) snows b) snowing c) snow d) is snowing

20. "Is this the right bus for the station?" "I _____ so, but let's ask the driver."

a) am thinking b) thinks c) think d) thinking

21. _____ you _____ this song? It's by my favourite band.

a) Are … knowing b) Does … know c) Are … know d) Do … know

22. My little sister _____ a new bike for her birthday.

a) is wanting b) want c) wants d) wanting

23. Why _____ you _____ a coat? It's really warm today!

a) do … wear b) are … wearing c) are … wear d) is … wearing

24. I _____ some old friends tomorrow evening, so I can't come to your party.

a) am seeing b) see c) sees d) seeing

25. Which sentence is correct?

a) She is studying for her exams this week.
b) She studying for her exams this week.
c) She is studing for her exams this week.
d) She are studying for her exams this week.

26. Which sentence is correct?

a) This bag is belonging to my sister.
b) This bag belongs to my sister.
c) This bag belong to my sister.
d) This bag is belong to my sister.

27. Which question is correct?

a) What you are doing?
b) What do you doing?
c) What are you doing?
d) What are you do?

28. Which sentence is correct?

a) Look! The bus coming.
b) Look! The bus comes.
c) Look! The bus is comeing.
d) Look! The bus is coming.

29. Which question is correct?

a) Why are you sitting on the floor?
b) Why you are sitting on the floor?
c) Why are you siting on the floor?
d) Why is you sitting on the floor?

30. Which sentence is correct?

a) We having a great time in Greece this week.
b) We are having a great time in Greece this week.
c) We are have a great time in Greece this week.
d) We is having a great time in Greece this week.

Answer Key

Present Continuous · Explanations are shortened — the full interactive version is at gramvoy.com/exercises/present-continuous/

1. c) is sleeping

Be quiet and wake her show it is happening now, so the present continuous: the baby is sleeping.

2. a) are skating

Look!

3. b) am looking

The search is going on right now, so the present continuous, and I takes am: I am looking.

4. a) is swimming

Swim is one syllable ending in one vowel + one consonant, so the consonant doubles: swimming.

5. c) is running

Run doubles its final consonant before -ing: running, like sitting and getting.

6. a) is making

A verb ending in a silent -e drops it before -ing: make – making, write – writing.

7. d) is … lying

Verbs ending in -ie change it to -y before -ing: lie – lying, die – dying.

8. b) am not watching

The negative puts not after am, is or are: I am not watching.

9. d) aren't working

They takes are, so the negative is aren't working.

10. b) Are … listening

The question puts am, is or are before the subject: Are you listening?

11. c) is … smiling

She is smiling now, so the present continuous question: What is she smiling about?

12. d) am driving

Right now is the moment of speaking, so the present continuous: am driving.

13. a) am working

This week marks a temporary situation, so the present continuous: am working.

14. b) is staying

At the moment and until she finds a place show a temporary situation, so the present continuous: is staying.

15. d) is getting

Colder and colder describes a change that is in progress, so the present continuous: the weather is getting colder.

16. a) are visiting

A personal arrangement — the tickets are bought — takes the present continuous: we are visiting.

17. c) are … doing

Asking about someone's plans for this evening takes the present continuous: What are you doing tonight?

18. b) is playing

Listen!

19. d) is snowing

Look outside shows the snow is falling at this moment, so is snowing.

20. c) think

Think meaning 'have an opinion' is a state verb, so the present simple: I think so.

21. d) Do … know

Know is a state verb, so even about now it takes the present simple: Do you know…?

22. c) wants

Want is a state verb — a wish, not an action — so it isn't used in the continuous: she wants.

23. b) are … wearing

The question is about what the person has on now, so the present continuous: Why are you wearing…?

24. a) am seeing

Meeting friends tomorrow is a personal arrangement, so the present continuous: I am seeing some old friends.

25. a) She is studying for her exams this week.

The present continuous needs both parts — is + studying.

26. b) This bag belongs to my sister.

Belong is a state verb — it describes ownership, not an action — so the present simple: This bag belongs to my sister.

27. c) What are you doing?

In a question are comes before the subject: What are you doing?

28. d) Look! The bus is coming.

Look!

29. a) Why are you sitting on the floor?

After a question word comes are + subject + -ing: Why are you sitting…?

30. b) We are having a great time in Greece this week.

Have in have a great time is an activity, not possession, so it can take -ing: We are having….