

13.5 Present Simple and Present Continuous

PRESENT SIMPLE	PRESENT CONTINUOUS
- Routines - Repeated actions or events <i>e.g. I usually arrive at my office at 8:30.</i>	- Things happening now <i>e.g. The manager is interviewing a new applicant.</i>
- Permanent situations - General facts <i>e.g. This company produces spare parts.</i>	- Temporary situations - Current projects <i>e.g. I am not working this week.</i>
- Future actions (events based on official calendars, timetables, programs) <i>e.g. My train arrives in Seoul at 7:25.</i>	- Fixed future arrangements (personal) <i>e.g. I am meeting my boss tomorrow.</i>
Often used with time expressions like: Never, rarely, hardly ever, sometimes, often, usually, always.	Often used with time expressions like: Now, at the moment, at present, currently, these days.

I	work
You	
We	
They	works
He / She / It	

I	am ('m)	driving
You	are ('re)	
We		
They	is ('s)	
He / She / It		

Do	I you we they	know?
Does	he / she / it	

Am	I	writing?
Are	you we they	
	Is	

I	do not (don't)	smoke?
You		
We		
They	does not (doesn't)	
He / She / It		

I	am not ('m not)	singing
You	are not (aren't)	
We		
They	is not (isn't)	
He / She / It		

EXERCISE

5 Choose the word that best completes each sentence.

- I _____ with the project this week because my colleague is on sick leave.
 - deal
 - am dealing
 - dealt
 - have dealt
- Most of our employees _____ today because of the strike.
 - worked
 - is not working
 - are not working
 - don't work
- I _____ lunch with our new agent next Tuesday.
 - have
 - had
 - has
 - am having
- The next train to Manchester _____ at 12:15 from platform 2B.
 - left
 - is leaving
 - leaves
 - has left
- Because of the weak dollar, exports to North America _____ well at the moment.
 - do not do
 - are not doing
 - did not do
 - have not done
- According to him, share prices usually _____ at this time of year.
 - decrease
 - had decreased
 - having decreased
 - are decreasing
- C2R is a Taiwanese company that _____ semiconductors.
 - manufacturing
 - manufacturers
 - manufacture
 - manufactures
- His company _____ a wide range of products and services.
 - to offer
 - offers
 - having offered
 - from offering
- Mr. Cooper _____ a conference at the moment.
 - attends
 - attended
 - is attending
 - attendee
- We are _____ preparing the budget for next year.
 - currently
 - usually
 - often
 - seldom