

verb tenses

PRESENT SIMPLE, PRESENT CONTINUOUS, PAST SIMPLE AND PAST CONTINUOUS

Complete the sentences with the present simple, the present continuous, the past simple or the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

1. _____ learning English? (you/like)
2. _____ this programme. (I / not understand)
3. My dad _____ (listen) to classical music when I _____ (arrive) home from school.
4. Jim and his father _____ (not watch) TV. They're asleep.
5. Tony is upstairs in the bathroom. He _____ (wash) his hair.
6. My cousin _____ (meet) his wife, Bianca, while he _____ (live) in Italy.
7. Why _____ (run)? Are we late?
8. There are some strange noises in the sitting room. What _____ (Tom / do)?
9. What time _____ (John / get up) every day?
10. When we _____ (leave) school yesterday, it _____ (pour) with rain.
11. I _____ (leave) home at 7:00 o'clock every morning.
12. Fred and I are good dancers but we _____ (not / go) to discos very often.
13. When _____ the lesson _____ (start)? "It _____ (begin) five minutes ago."
14. What _____ (do) Pam?. Pam? Oh, she's a doctor.
15. I _____ (always / stay) in the same hotel in New York.
16. Joanna _____ (not / cook) the dinner at the moment.
17. Yesterday, Jane _____ (not feel) well so she _____ (call) the doctor.
18. Tony _____ (work) at the moment. He's on holiday.
19. Why _____ (smile)? Because I'm happy.
20. We _____ (play) video games when my mum _____ (say) 'Turn the volume down!'
21. 'What _____ (read)? A letter from my sister.
22. What time _____ (get up)? Me? About 7.00 usually.
23. _____ the dogs _____ (bark) at midnight last night?
24. My little sister _____ (draw) a picture while I _____ (study) for my French exam.

25. How _____ (go) to work. I usually catch a bus.
26. Excuse me. I think that you _____ (sit) in my seat.
27. I _____ (switch off) the computer because it _____ (make) a strange noise.
28. Don't talk to me now. I _____ (write) an important letter.
29. When you _____ (see) Paul, he _____ (wear) a black jacket?
30. I _____ (stop) playing football because I _____ (break) my leg.

Choose the correct options.

1. I **listened** / **was listening** to the radio when I heard / was hearing this fantastic song.
2. Helen **is wearing** / **wears** blue jeans and a T-shirt today.
3. When the teacher **said** / **was saying** 'Stop!', I still tried / was still trying to finish the last question.
4. I feel really silly! While I **danced** / **was dancing**, I **fell** / **was falling** and **broke** / **was breaking** my elbow.
5. In summer we **are going** / **go** to the beach.
6. Tom and I **watch** / **are watching** a good film at the moment.
7. Tim **played** / **was playing** a computer game when his mum **called** / **was calling** him for lunch.
8. I **looked** / **was looking** for a file on my memory stick when I **noticed** / **was noticing** there was a virus.
9. It **starts** / **is starting** to rain, and we **are waiting** / **wait** for the bus in the open air.
10. Ron **found** / **was finding** a really interesting website about dance music while he **surfing** / **was surfing** the internet.
11. My mum **had** / **was having** breakfast near the computer when she **spilled** / **was spilling** her cup of coffee on the keyboard.
12. The football match **finishes** / **is finishing** and the players are **celebrating** / **celebrate** their victory.
13. How many pictures **did you take** / **were you taking** while you **travelled** / **were travelling** around Ireland?
14. Why **did you chat** / **were you chatting** to Philip while I **tried** / **was trying** to tell you something really important?

