

Ejercicios de present simple vs present continuous en inglés

Nivel: A2, B1

¿Present simple o present continuous?

El present simple describe lo que ocurre habitualmente; el present continuous describe lo que ocurre en este momento, alrededor del presente o de forma temporal.

Present simple: hábitos y hechos generales: I work in a bank. Water boils at 100°C.

Present continuous: am/is/are + -ing para acciones en desarrollo: I'm working from home today.

Temporal vs permanente: She lives in Rome (permanente) frente a She's living in Rome this semester (temporal)

Verbos de estado (state verbs): know, want, like, believe, need rara vez llevan -ing: I know the answer (no 'I'm knowing')

Palabras clave: simple: always, usually, every day — continuous: now, at the moment, currently, these days

Ejercicio 1: Elige el tiempo verbal correcto

Selecciona la forma que mejor se adapte a cada situación.

- Look! It ___ — take your umbrella.
a) rains b) is raining c) rain
- My father ___ in a factory near the city.
a) is working b) works c) work
- I can't talk now — I ___ dinner.
a) cook b) am cooking c) cooks
- She ___ two sugars in her coffee.
a) is wanting b) wants c) want
- These days, more people ___ from home than ever before.
a) are working b) work c) worked

Ejercicio 2: Completa las oraciones

Escribe la forma correcta (present simple o continuous) del verbo entre corchetes.

- The sun ___ in the east. (rise)
- Be quiet! I ___ to concentrate. (try)
- My sister ___ the piano every evening after school. (practice)
- This month, our team ___ on a completely new project. (work)
- He ___ three languages, and now he ___ a fourth. (speak / learn)

Ejercicio 3: Ordena las palabras

Haz clic en las palabras en el orden correcto para construir la oración.

11. Ordena las palabras en el orden correcto: **watching / she / is / TV / right now**

12. Ordena las palabras en el orden correcto: **to school / walks / usually / he**

13. Ordena las palabras en el orden correcto: **are / why / you / laughing / ?**

14. Ordena las palabras en el orden correcto: **doesn't / meat / eat / my friend**

Ejercicio 4: ¿Verdadero o falso?

Decide si cada afirmación es verdadera o falsa.

15. "I am knowing the answer" is correct English. Verdadero / Falso
16. 'At the moment' is a signal for the present continuous. Verdadero / Falso
17. "The train leaves at 8:15 tomorrow" is wrong because tomorrow is future. Verdadero / Falso
18. The present continuous can describe a temporary situation, even if it isn't happening at this exact second. Verdadero / Falso

Soluciones

Ejercicio 1: Elige el tiempo verbal correcto

1. b) is raining
2. b) works
3. b) am cooking
4. b) wants
5. a) are working

Ejercicio 2: Completa las oraciones

6. rises
7. am trying / 'm trying
8. practices / practises
9. is working / 's working
10. speaks / is learning / speaks is learning

Ejercicio 3: Ordena las palabras

11. she is watching TV right now
12. he usually walks to school
13. why are you laughing ?
14. my friend doesn't eat meat

Ejercicio 4: ¿Verdadero o falso?

15. Falso
16. Verdadero
17. Falso
18. Verdadero