

Simple Present VS. Present Progressive

Lesson + Exercise 1

In this lesson, we'll practice the difference between simple present and present progressive:

USE SIMPLE PRESENT FOR:		USE PRESENT PROGRESSIVE FOR:	
-daily actions	He works Monday-Friday.	-actions happening right now	I am studying right now.
-specific info	He is a carpenter.	-actions happening at a specific time	He is talking to Sara. At 10:00, They are working.
-general info	The sun is a star.		
-habitual activity	He bites his nails.		
Look for "present tense" key words: often, usually, sometimes, every day, etc.		Look for "present progressive" key words: right now, now, at this moment, at this time, etc.	
Steve <u>plays</u> tennis every Saturday. -an habitual activity? -an action happening now?		Sam <u>is playing</u> tennis right now. -an habitual activity? -an action happening now?	
Peter <u>works</u> at Taco Bell. -He is working now. -He works Monday-Friday.		John <u>is working</u> at Disneyland. -He is at work right now. -He works Monday-Friday.	
Paula and Fabiana <u>study</u> French. -It's specific information. -It's happening now.		Paula and Fabiana <u>are studying</u> French. -It's specific information. -It's happening now.	

READ the sentence, CHOOSE the answer.

1) I _____ to school every morning. I'm studying English.
 go am going

2) Ferris _____ English for two hours every evening. He's a good student.
 studies is studying

3) My friend is from Korea, but he _____ in California right now.
 stays is staying

4) Lee _____ from Korea. His hometown is Seoul.
 comes is coming

5) _____ they _____ notebooks in that store? I need a new one.
Do...sell Are...selling

6) _____ you _____ to the store right now?
Do...go Are...going

7) Sylvia and Mary _____ friends. They are going shopping together.
are are being

8) Sylvia and Mary usually _____ lunch at the mall when they go shopping together.
are eating eat

9) Mary _____ lunch for Sylvia this week.
is buying buys

10) However, Sylvia usually _____ her own lunch.
is buying buys