

The Present Tenses

Put the following verbs into the correct tense—either the present simple or the present progressive. Use all the elements in the brackets. Note the importance of certain key words.

1. They (sell)_____ my grandfather six eggs every Saturday.
2. Mr Brown (have)_____ a cold shower every morning, but at the moment he (have)_____ a hot bath.
3. She (dislike)_____ playing tennis but she (adore)_____ swimming.
4. (he, not, work)_____ in his room at the moment?
5. Mrs Poole seldom (eat)_____ crisps.
6. The plane (leave)_____ Heathrow at 8 a.m. and (arrive)_____ at Kennedy seven hours later.
7. He always (phone)_____ me every Saturday evening. He never (forget)_____.
8. I (send)_____ this book to Tim next week.
9. He (catch)_____ the same train every evening.
10. I (look)_____ for my glasses and I (not, can)_____ find them anywhere.
11. We (have)_____ lunch with the Smiths on Tuesdays.
12. We (have)_____ dinner with the Browns on Friday.
13. Mr Green (come)_____ to see us next week.
14. My cousins (go)_____ to Greece this summer. They (go)_____ there nearly every year.
15. James (want)_____ a new pair of trousers.
16. Julie (need)_____ to have her hair cut.
17. Mr Stowcrat (own)_____ five cars and a plane.
18. I (not, know)_____ who these socks (belong to), but they (smell)_____ like cheese.

19. John (hardly ever, write)_____ to me these days, but he (usually, phone)_____ me once a week.
20. They (want)_____ to stay here for another week.
21. This tea (taste)_____ like dishwater.
22. Look! He (come)_____ now.
23. What (you, do)_____ ? I (try)_____ to make some jam but everybody (keep)_____ asking me what I (do)_____, so I (not, make)_____ much progress.
24. My car (always, break)_____ down.
25. She (not, earn)_____ very much but she (buy)_____ her first car next week.
26. We (think)_____ of going there next week.
27. I (see)_____ the doctor on Thursday.
28. He (always, forget)_____ to bring his books.
29. This book (belong)_____ to Brian.
30. What (you, do)_____ ? I (be)_____ a dentist.
31. What (you, do)_____ ? I (think)_____ about what I've got to do tomorrow.
32. (you, think)_____ he would come if we asked him?
33. How much (you, owe)_____ me?
34. (I, not, go)_____ with you tomorrow? Isn't there enough room in the car?
35. It (look)_____ as if it is going to rain.
36. (you, not, want)_____ to come walking with me?
37. I hope you (understand)_____ what I (talk)_____ about today.
38. (you, go)_____ to market on Wednesday?
39. (you, remember)_____ when you were very small?

40. I (wish)_____ he would stop phoning me at eleven o'clock at night.
He (always, do)_____ it!