



# PRESENT TENSES

## Present Simple

### ❖ facts

The moon revolves round the Earth.

### ❖ habits and routines

I usually have breakfast before I go to work.

## Present Continuous

### ❖ action happening at the time of speaking

Look! She's crying.

### ❖ temporary action

I'm working as a waitress this summer.

### ❖ ongoing changes

The Earth is getting warmer.

## Present Perfect

### ❖ one's experiences /

I've never swum in the ocean.

### ❖ action that has an effect in the present

He can't drive. He's broken his toe.

### ❖ action started in the past lasting up to now

She's lived in London since last year.

## Choose the best present tense to complete these sentences

1. They \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the seaside every year but this year they \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the mountains.
2. I can't open the door. I \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) my key.
3. Who \_\_\_\_\_ (know) what she \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) about? She never \_\_\_\_\_ (make) any sense.
4. Everybody \_\_\_\_\_ (know) the world's rainforests \_\_\_\_\_ (disappear).
5. My dress is ruined. What \_\_\_\_\_ (you, do)?
6. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (see) Laura yet? She \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) with us this week while her house \_\_\_\_\_ (be) redecorated.
7. More and more people \_\_\_\_\_ (become) redundant.
8. I'm sorry, but she \_\_\_\_\_ (not, work) today. She \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a day off.
9. The sun \_\_\_\_\_ (rise) in the east and \_\_\_\_\_ (set) in the west.
10. Our math teacher usually \_\_\_\_\_ (give) us a lot of homework - but not today.
11. People \_\_\_\_\_ (get) frustrated with the prices going up every day.
12. Look how well he \_\_\_\_\_ (play) today. I \_\_\_\_\_ (never, see) him move so fast.
13. This season he \_\_\_\_\_ (play) for Liverpool. Who \_\_\_\_\_ (know) whether he will stay or not?
14. What \_\_\_\_\_ (you, do)? Why \_\_\_\_\_ (you, lie) in bed? \_\_\_\_\_ (I, not, tell) you to tidy up your room?
15. Tom \_\_\_\_\_ (sell) his car. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (know) how much he \_\_\_\_\_ (want) for it?
16. I can't stand here in the rain. I \_\_\_\_\_ (get) wet.
17. Listen! Somebody \_\_\_\_\_ (play) my favourite song. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not, hear) it for such a long time.

## The key

1. go, are going
2. have lost
3. knows, is talking, makes
4. knows, are disappearing
5. have you done
6. have you seen, is staying, is being
7. are becoming
8. isn't working, has taken
9. rises, sets
10. gives
11. are getting
12. is playing, have never seen
13. is playing, knows
14. are you doing, are you lying, haven't I told
15. is selling, do you know, wants
16. am getting
17. is playing, haven't heard