

Worksheet: Present Tenses for Present and Future

Focus: Present Simple vs. Present Continuous (Intermediate Level)

Exercise 1: Matching Uses

Match the sentence (1-6) with its specific use of the verb form (A-F).

1. The Earth is round and we live on it. _____
2. Jack and I are going to the cinema on Saturday. _____
3. She's always playing music in the middle of the night! _____
4. The train leaves tomorrow at 6 AM. _____
5. John eats a light meal every evening before bed. _____
6. My grandmother is jogging around the lake right now. _____

- A. Habit or routine
- B. Permanent fact or general truth
- C. Something happening now
- D. Describing annoying behavior (often with 'always')
- E. Personal arrangements in the future
- F. Fixed timetables and schedules

Exercise 2: Fill-in-the-Blanks

Choose the correct form (Present Simple or Present Continuous) for the verbs in brackets.

1. I _____ (go) to a business meeting tomorrow morning.
2. Water _____ (freeze) at 0 degrees Celsius.
3. Stop it! You _____ (always / check) your phone when we are hanging out!
4. The nearest supermarket _____ (open) at 7:00 AM every day.
5. I _____ (need) to find my keys immediately!

Exercise 3: Error Correction

Identify the mistake in each sentence and rewrite it correctly. Pay close attention to future arrangements and stative verbs.

1. I visit my dentist this Friday at 4 PM.

Correction: _____

2. I am believing he is telling the truth.

Correction: _____

3. The movie is starting at 8:30 PM tonight.

Correction: _____

Answer Key & Feedback

Exercise 1: 1-B, 2-E, 3-D, 4-F, 5-A, 6-C

Exercise 2:

1. **am going** (Future arrangement)
2. **freezes** (General truth)
3. **are always checking** (Annoying habit; needs 'be + always + -ing')
4. **opens** (Timetable/Schedule)
5. **need** ('Need' is a stative verb; it cannot be used in continuous form)

Exercise 3:

1. **I am visiting** my dentist... (Use Continuous for personal plans/arrangements with a set time).
2. **I believe...** ('Believe' is a state of being, not a physical action).
3. **The movie starts...** (Events on a public timetable use Present Simple, even if they are in the future).