

Verb Tense Exercises

Exercise 1: Put the words in parentheses into the appropriate tenses, *Simple Present or Present Continuous*

1. Every Monday, Sally (drive) her kids to football practice.
Every Monday, sally **drives** her kids to football practice
2. Usually, I (work) as a secretary at ABT, but this summer I (study) French at a language school in Paris. That is why I am in Paris.
Usually, I work as a secretary at ABT, but this summer I **am studying** French at a language school in Paris. That is why I am in Paris.
3. Shhhhh! Be quiet! John (sleep).
Shhhhh! Be quiet! John **is sleeping**.
4. Don't forget to take your umbrella. It (rain).
Don't forget to take your umbrella. **It's raining**.
5. I hate living in Seattle because it (rain, always).
I hate living in Seattle because it **always rains**
6. I'm sorry I can't hear what you (say) because everybody (talk) so loudly.
I'm sorry I can't hear what you **say** because everybody's **talking** so loudly.
7. Justin (write, currently) a book about his adventures in Tibet. I hope he can find a good publisher when he has finished.
Justin **is currently writing** a book about his adventures in Tibet. I hope he can find a good publisher when he has finished
8. Jim : Do you want to come over for dinner tonight?
Denise : Oh, I'm sorry, I can't. I (go) to a movie tonight with some friends.
Jim : Do you want to come over for dinner tonight?
Denise : Oh, I'm sorry, I can't. **I'm going** to a movie tonight with some friends
9. The business cards (be, normally) printed by a company in New York. Their prices (be) inexpensive, yet the quality of their work is quite good.
The business cards **are normally** printed by a company in New York. Their prices are inexpensive, yet the quality of their work is quite good.
10. This delicious chocolate (be) made by a small chocolatier in Zurich, Switzerland.
This delicious chocolate **is** made by a small chocolatier in Zurich, Switzerland.

Exercise 2: Put the words in parentheses into the appropriate tenses, *Simple Present or Present Continuous*

Today (be) **is** the second day of my trek around Mount Annapurna. I am exhausted and my legs **are shaking** (shake); I just hope I am able to complete the trek. My feet (kill, really) **really kill** me and my toes **are bleeding** (bleed), but I **still want** (want, still) to continue.

Nepal is a fascinating country, but I have a great deal to learn. Everything **is** (be) so different, and I **am trying** (try) to adapt to the new way of life here. I **learn** (learn) a little bit of the language to make communication easier; unfortunately, I **don't learn** (learn, not) foreign languages quickly. Although I **don't understand** (understand, not) much yet, I believe that I'm **gradually improving** (improve, gradually).