



Present Continuous: Real-Life Contexts: Actions in Progress

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

- Shh! The baby _____. Please be quiet.
a) sleeps
b) sleep
c) is sleeping
d) sleeping
- Look! It _____. We should take an umbrella.
a) rain
b) rained
c) rains
d) is raining
- These days, more people _____ from home.
a) working
b) works
c) work
d) are working
- I can't talk now. I _____ dinner.
a) cooks
b) cooking
c) cook
d) am cooking
- The world _____ warmer because of climate change.
a) get
b) getting
c) is getting
d) gets
- She usually drives to work, but this week she _____ the bus.
a) take
b) takes
c) taking
d) is taking
- Listen! Someone _____ at the door.
a) is knocking
b) knock
c) knocks
d) knocked
- I normally live in London, but I _____ in Manchester this month.
a) staying
b) stays
c) stay
d) am staying
- Technology _____ rapidly. New inventions appear every day.
a) is changing
b) change
c) changing
d) changes
- Where's Tom? He _____ a shower at the moment.
a) takes
b) taking
c) take
d) is taking
- Your English _____! You speak much better now.
a) improves
b) improving
c) improve
d) is improving

12. Be careful! The children ____ in the street.
a) plays
b) playing
c) play
d) are playing
13. I ____ a really good book at the moment. I'll finish it soon.
a) am reading
b) read
c) reading
d) reads
14. The cost of living ____ every year. Everything is more expensive.
a) increases
b) increasing
c) increase
d) is increasing
15. I can't find my glasses. ____ on them?
a) Sit you
b) Are you sitting
c) You sit
d) Do you sit
16. He usually wears a suit, but today he ____ jeans.
a) is wearing
b) wears
c) wearing
d) wear
17. Hurry up! Everyone ____ for you.
a) wait
b) is waiting
c) waits
d) waiting
18. I ____ to save money this year. It's hard but important.
a) try
b) am trying
c) tries
d) trying
19. More and more people ____ electric cars these days.
a) buy
b) are buying
c) buys
d) buying
20. Sorry, I can't hear you. The music ____ too loud.
a) plays
b) playing
c) is playing
d) play



Answers

1. c) is sleeping
2. d) is raining
3. d) are working
4. d) am cooking
5. c) is getting
6. d) is taking
7. a) is knocking
8. d) am staying
9. a) is changing
10. d) is taking
11. d) is improving
12. d) are playing
13. a) am reading
14. d) is increasing
15. b) Are you sitting
16. a) is wearing
17. b) is waiting
18. b) am trying
19. b) are buying
20. c) is playing



Explanations

- 1. “is sleeping” (c)**
Use Present Continuous for an action happening right now.
- 2. “is raining” (d)**
Use Present Continuous with 'Look!' to describe what's happening now.
- 3. “are working” (d)**
Use Present Continuous for current trends and changing situations.
- 4. “am cooking” (d)**
Use Present Continuous for actions happening at the moment of speaking.
- 5. “is getting” (c)**
Use Present Continuous for gradual changes happening over time.
- 6. “is taking” (d)**
Use Present Continuous for temporary situations that are different from the usual.
- 7. “is knocking” (a)**
Use Present Continuous with 'Listen!' to describe what's happening now.
- 8. “am staying” (d)**
Use Present Continuous for temporary living situations.
- 9. “is changing” (a)**
Use Present Continuous for ongoing changes and developments.
- 10. “is taking” (d)**
Use Present Continuous for actions happening at this moment.
- 11. “is improving” (d)**
Use Present Continuous to describe progress and improvement over time.
- 12. “are playing” (d)**
Use Present Continuous with warnings about current situations.
- 13. “am reading” (a)**
Use Present Continuous for activities in progress around now (not necessarily at this exact second).
- 14. “is increasing” (d)**
Use Present Continuous for trends and ongoing changes.
- 15. “Are you sitting” (b)**
Use Present Continuous to ask about what's happening now.
- 16. “is wearing” (a)**
Use Present Continuous for temporary differences from the norm.
- 17. “is waiting” (b)**
Use Present Continuous to describe what's happening at the moment.

18. “am trying” (b)

Use Present Continuous for efforts and actions around the current period.

19. “are buying” (b)

Use Present Continuous for growing trends.

20. “is playing” (c)

Use Present Continuous for situations affecting you right now.