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## 1. Simple Present

## 2. Present Continuous

## 3. Simple Past

## 4. Past Continuous

## 1 Simple Present

Χρησιμοποιείται:

- 1 για μία πράξη που γίνεται **πάντοτε**, **συνήθως**, **συχνά** κλπ.

*The Browns **travel** to Spain every summer.*

*He usually **gets up** at seven o' clock.*

*I never **go out** on Sundays.*

- 2 για μία πράξη που είναι **προγραμματισμένη** να γίνει στο **μέλλον**, κυρίως όταν αναφερόμαστε σε **δρομολόγια πλοίων, τρένων** κλπ ή **προγράμματα σχολείων** κλπ.

*Our plane **leaves** at ten o'clock tonight.*

*Tennis lessons **start** again next Monday.*

**Προσέξτε!**

*They **have** dinner / wine / a shower ...*

(= τρώνε / πίνουν / κάνουν ...)

*Do they **have** ... – They **don't have** ...*

[**OXI:** *Have they ... – They haven't ...*]

- Με τον **simple present** χρησιμοποιούμε συχνά **επιρρήματα συχνότητας** (*always, usually, often, sometimes, rarely / seldom, hardly ever, never*). Τα **επιρρήματα συχνότητας** μπαίνουν **πριν** από τα κύρια **ρήματα** αλλά **μετά** από τα **βοηθητικά** και το ρήμα **to be**. Στις  **σύντομες απαντήσεις** όμως, μπαίνουν **πριν** από το **βοηθητικό ρήμα** και το **to be**.

*I **often read** before I go to bed.*

***Does** Pamela **usually** catch the bus to work?*

*Mr Wood **is always** polite to his customers.*

*'Do you eat fish?' 'No, I **rarely do**.'*

*'Is the bus crowded in the morning?'*

*'Yes, it **usually is**.'*

## 2 Present Continuous

Χρησιμοποιείται:

- 1 για μία πράξη που **γίνεται** (είναι σε εξέλιξη), **αυτήν τη στιγμή** ή **αυτήν την περίοδο** (δηλ. προσωρινά).

*Mum **is cooking** dinner now.*

*I'm **learning** Spanish this year.*

- 2 για μία πράξη που έχουμε **προγραμματίσει** να κάνουμε στο  **κοντινό μέλλον**.

*Helen **is leaving** next Monday.*

*My sister **is coming** back home next week.*

- 3 με λέξεις όπως **always, continually** (= συνεχώς) για να δείξουμε **ενόχληση** ή **εκνευρισμό** ή για να τονίσουμε ότι κάτι συμβαίνει **πάρα πολύ συχνά**.

*You're **always interrupting** me.*

*He's so kind; he **is always helping** others.*

- 4 για καταστάσεις που **εξελίσσονται** ή **αλλάζουν σταδιακά**.

*His condition **is improving** every day.*

*More and more people **are recycling** their rubbish.*

**Προσέξτε!**

Τα ρήματα που περιγράφουν μία **κατάσταση** και όχι μία πράξη (π.χ. **like, love, prefer, want, know, forget, remember, see, hear, taste, smell, look** κλπ) **δε** χρησιμοποιούνται με **χρόνους διαρκείας**.

*This **smells** good. [**OXI:** This ~~is smelling~~ ...]*

***Do** you **know** him? [**OXI:** ~~Are you knowing~~ ...]*

Δείτε τη **διαφορά** στα παρακάτω παραδείγματα:

*Ann **has** a new mobile phone. (= έχει)*

*She **is having** a shower at the moment. (= κάνει)*

*Look out of the window and tell me what you **see**.*

(= βλέπεις)

*I'm **seeing** my dentist tomorrow.*

(= επισκέπτομαι, έχω ραντεβού με)

*I'm **not seeing** James tonight. (= συναντώ)*

*I **think** it's a boring book. (= νομίζω)*

*I'm **thinking** about buying a new car.*

(= σκέπτομαι)

*She **looks** very happy today. (= φαίνεται)*

*That policeman **is looking** at us. (= κοιτάζει)*

### 1 Choose the correct answer.

- 1 'Where is David?' ' He **is doing** / **does** his homework in his room.'
- 2 **Have you** / **Do you have** breakfast every day?
- 3 Mr Smith **is talking** / **talks** to a customer at the moment.
- 4 I **don't think** / **am not thinking** he is a good singer.
- 5 'Does it snow here in winter?'  
'No, it **does seldom** / **seldom does**.'
- 6 Louise **knows** / **is knowing** lots of people here.
- 7 Mark **is often** / **often is** late for work.
- 8 Laura **is looking** / **looks** very pretty in that dress.

### 2 Fill in the simple present or the present continuous.

- 1 You and your sister ..... always ..... (**fight**).
- 2 Tim usually ..... (**visit**) us at the weekend, but this weekend he ..... (**stay**) at home.
- 3 **A:** Simon ..... (**not like**) the way I ..... (**cook**).  
**B:** Why not? This chicken ..... (**taste**) delicious.
- 4 ..... you ..... (**know**) what time the train from Paris ..... (**arrive**)?
- 5 **A:** ..... Laura ..... (**think**) about opening her own shop?  
**B:** Yes. She ..... (**see**) the bank manager tomorrow to ask for a loan.
- 6 The children ..... (**have**) breakfast at the moment.
- 7 Summer is almost here, so the weather ..... (**get**) hotter and hotter.

### 3 Match the questions with the answers.

- 1 What are you having for lunch? .....
- 2 What do you have for lunch? .....
- 3 What do you do? .....
- 4 What are you doing? .....
- 5 What do you do at weekends? .....
- 6 What are you doing at the weekend? .....
- 7 Where do you usually go on holiday? .....
- 8 Where are you going on holiday? .....

- a I'm a lawyer.
- b I'm going camping with my friends.
- c I'm buying a sandwich from the canteen.
- d I'm trying to change the lock.
- e To Crete because we have a house there.
- f I make a tuna or a chicken salad.
- g Nowhere. We can't afford one this year.
- h I go to the cinema.

### 3 Simple Past

Χρησιμοποιείται:

- 1 για μία πράξη που **έγινε** στο παρελθόν. Ο χρόνος που έγινε η πράξη αναφέρεται ή εννοείται.  
*Tom **had** a party last week. He **invited** all his friends to it.*
  - 2 για μία πράξη που **επαναλαμβανόταν** στο παρελθόν ή για **συνήθειες** του παρελθόντος.  
*He **went** skiing very often when he was younger. [Επίσης: He **used to go** skiing ...]  
She **travelled** a lot before she got married. [Επίσης: She **used to travel** a lot ...]*
- Το **used to** + **απαρέμφατο** (= συνήθιζα να) χρησιμοποιείται για **συνήθειες** ή **καταστάσεις** του παρελθόντος. Στα Ελληνικά αντιστοιχεί στον **παρατατικό**.  
*I **used to eat** lots of fruit when I was younger. (= έτρωγα **ή**: συνήθιζα να τρώω)  
This building **used to be** a theatre.*

Η ερώτηση και η άρνηση σχηματίζονται συνήθως με το **did**.

*He **used to** get up late.*

***Did** he **use to** get up late?*

*He **didn't use to** get up late.*

[Επίσης: *He **never used to** get up late.*]

**Προσέξτε!**

**be / get used to + ρήμα + ing**

*I **am used to drinking** coffee every morning. (= είμαι συνηθισμένος να πίνω ... , έχω συνηθίσει να πίνω ...)*

*You'll soon **get used to working** at night. (= θα συνηθίσεις σιγά-σιγά να δουλεύεις ...)*

## 4 Past Continuous

Χρησιμοποιείται:

1 για μία πράξη που **γινόταν** (ήταν σε εξέλιξη) σε μία **συγκεκριμένη στιγμή** στο παρελθόν.

*I **was studying** at six o'clock.*

*I **was studying** when my friend called.*

*I **was studying** while my mum **was making** dinner.*

} (= μελετούσα)

2 με τα **always, continually** όπως και ο present continuous (στην τρίτη περίπτωση) αλλά για το **παρελθόν**.

*The neighbours' dog **was continually barking**.*

*Grandma **was always giving** us sweets.*

### Προσέξτε!

*I **went out** every night when I was young. [OXI: I ~~was going~~ out every night ...]*

*ή: I **used to go** out every night when I was young.*

### 4 Fill in the simple past or the past continuous.

1 A: Why ..... Brian .....  
(not answer) the phone?

B: He ..... (sit) in the garden and  
..... (not hear) it ring.

2 ..... Nancy ..... (have) any free  
time yesterday?

3 A: John ..... (make) dinner when I  
..... (get) home last night.

B: Oh, really. I ..... (think) he  
..... (not know) how to cook!

4 We ..... always ..... (argue) when  
we were children.

5 A: Mary ..... (search) for her purse  
when the taxi arrived.

B: ..... she ..... (find) it?

6 Philip ..... (cycle) to work before he  
..... (buy) a car.

7 A: What ..... they ..... (do) all  
weekend? They ..... (look) very  
busy!

B: They ..... (paint) their house.

8 I ..... (wash) the dishes and then  
..... (iron) clothes for the rest of the  
evening.

### 5 Fill in the simple past or the past continuous.

It was a cold winter night. The snow [1] ..... (fall) heavily and the wind [2] ..... (blow) strongly. Jamie [3] ..... (lie) on his bed – he [4] ..... (read) his favourite book. Soon he [5] ..... (feel) sleepy and [6] ..... (close) his eyes. Suddenly, he [7] ..... (hear) a strange noise over the sound of the wind. Jamie was very scared – his parents [8] ..... (sleep) deeply in their bedroom. He [9] ..... (want) to jump out of bed and run to them, but his legs [10] ..... (shake) too much. Then, there was another sound. [11] ..... someone ..... (try) to get into his room? Jamie [12] ..... (scream) ...

### 6 Match the questions with the answers.

- 1 When did you last hear from Greg? .....
- 2 What was Harry doing when you called him? .....
- 3 Why didn't Colin come with us last night? .....
- 4 What did Brian do when the earthquake struck? .....
- 5 How did Robert spend his weekend? .....
- 6 Why didn't David stay at the party? .....

- a He was having a shower.
- b He wrote to me last week.
- c He wasn't having a good time.
- d He ran out of his house.
- e He was tired and wanted to rest.
- f He played tennis, visited some friends and watched a DVD.

**7 Choose the correct answer.**

- 1 I'll soon get used to **driving / drive** in heavy traffic.
- 2 Henry **is used to having / used to have** a stressful job, but he decided to leave and start his own business.
- 3 He's got used to **walk / walking** everywhere, hasn't he?
- 4 I **am not used to staying / didn't use to stay** up so late at night – that's why I feel sleepy.
- 5 **Did they use to travel / Were they used to travelling** to Italy every summer?

**8 Tick (✓) if the sentence is correct or correct the mistake.**

- 1 It's difficult to get used to driving on the left-hand side of the road.
- 2 Brian is always making mistakes at work.
- 3 Jenny usually is going to Fiona's house to study.
- 4 People weren't driving cars two hundred years ago.
- 5 'Do you exercise?' 'Yes, I do often.'
- 6 He has always a biscuit with his coffee.
- 7 Jenny was used to wake up early in the morning.
- 8 Are you seeing your friends this evening?

**9 Choose the correct answer.**

- 1 I'm not used to ..... so much money.  
a spend      b spending
- 2 ..... at home on Saturdays?  
a Is Jenny usually staying  
b Does Jenny usually stay
- 3 Dad ..... us a story every night when we were little.  
a read      b was reading
- 4 I ..... a letter when the phone rang and disturbed me.  
a wrote      b was writing
- 5 What time ..... lunch?  
a have you      b do you have
- 6 Phil never got used to ..... with the windows closed, even in winter.  
a sleep      b sleeping
- 7 The traffic didn't use to ..... as bad as this.  
a being      b be
- 8 He ..... of going to Australia.  
a is thinking      b thinks
- 9 Don't disturb him now. He ..... a new customer.  
a is seeing      b sees
- 10 Indian food is OK but I ..... Chinese.  
a prefer      b am preferring

**10a Look at the examples.**

- 1 He makes fun of people all the time.  
**making** He ..... **is always making** ..... fun of people.
- 2 They rarely visit their grandparents.  
**visit** They ..... **don't visit** ..... their grandparents very often.
- 3 Janet worked in the garden. Her husband prepared the meal.  
**while** Janet was working in the garden ..... **while her husband was preparing** ..... the meal.
- 4 We haven't visited Italy for six years.  
**last** The ..... **last time we visited** ..... Italy was six years ago.
- 5 When did they move here?  
**ago** How ..... **long ago did they move** ..... here?
- 6 When I was a teacher, I worked long hours.  
**used** When I was a teacher, I ..... **used to work** ..... long hours.
- 7 When did you leave school?  
**since** How long is ..... **it since you left** ..... school?
- 8 She hasn't finished reading the newspaper yet.  
**still** She ..... **is still reading** ..... the newspaper.





**b Complete each sentence with two to five words, including the word given.**

- Mum cooked and Dad fixed the TV.  
**while** Mum was cooking ..... the TV.
- At summer camp, we got up really early in the morning.  
**used** At summer camp, we ..... really early in the morning.
- When did you buy your bike?  
**ago** How ..... your bike?
- When did you move into your new flat?  
**since** How long is ..... into your new flat?
- Tom hardly ever goes to the cinema during the week.  
**go** Tom ..... to the cinema very often during the week.
- He plays loud music all the time.  
**playing** He ..... loud music.
- They haven't finished painting our house yet.  
**still** They ..... our house.
- Chris hasn't watered the flowers for a week.  
**last** The ..... the flowers was a week ago.



**11 PHRASAL VERBS**

- break down** = παθαίνω βλάβη, χαλάω
- break into** = κάνω διάρρηξη
- break out** = ξεσπώ (για φωτιά, πόλεμο κλπ)
- break up** = 1 σταματώ για διακοπές (σχολ.), 2 κομματιάζω, -ομαι
- bring up** = ανατρέφω

Fill in the correct **phrasal verb** in the appropriate form.

- School is ..... for the summer in a few days.
- Peter's cousin was ..... by his grandparents.
- World War Two ..... in 1939.
- Burglars ..... their house when they were on holiday.
- My car ..... while I was driving to work this morning.
- I ..... the biscuits and fed them to the ducks.

**12 CONFUSABLE WORDS**

**remember** = θυμάμαι

Do you **remember** his phone number?

**remind + απαρέμφατο με to** = θυμίζω, υπενθυμίζω σε κάποιον να κάνει κάτι  
Please **remind** me to send this fax.

**sb / sth reminds sb of sb / sth** =

κτ / κτ θυμίζει σε κάποιον κτ / κτ

That man **reminds** me **of** my grandfather.  
This toy **reminds** me **of** my childhood.

Choose the correct answer.

- You didn't **remind / remember** it was my birthday today!
- This postcard **remembers / reminds** me of Italy.
- Did you **remind / remember** Dad to take the car to the garage?
- Will you **remember / remind** to feed the fish while I'm on holiday?
- That woman **reminds / remembers** me of my teacher.



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