

Present tense exercise

The simple present tense is used to talk about general facts and repeated actions like one's job, habits etc. The present continuous tense is used to talk about planned future events. Test your knowledge of present tenses with this grammar exercise.

Complete the following sentences using appropriate verb forms. Each question is followed by three suggested answers. Choose the most appropriate one.

1. Water at 100 degree Celsius.

boil

boils

is boiling

2. I tennis every day.

play

plays

am playing

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3. The earth around the sun.

move

moves

is moving

4. James for an insurance company.

work

works

is working

5. In Act I, Hamlet the ghost of his father.

meet

meets

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has met

6. The kettle Shall I
make tea?

boil

boils

is boiling

7. I this song very much.

like

likes

am liking

8. We to the theater this
evening.

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go

are going

have gone

9. His train at 11.50.

arrive

arrives

is arriving

10. I will phone you when I
home.

get

gets

am getting

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Answers

1. Water boils at 100 degree Celsius.
2. I play tennis every day.
3. The earth moves around the sun.
4. James works for an insurance company.
5. In Act 1, Hamlet meets the ghost of his father.
6. The kettle is boiling. Shall I make tea?
7. I like this song very much.
8. We are going to the theatre this evening.
9. His train arrives at 11.50.
10. I will phone you when I get home.