ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Present Continuous Tense MCQ Grammar Quiz – Test – Exercise

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Explanations

1. I am watching TV and my brother _____ a book.
✔ **B) is reading**
The action is happening now, so we use **is** + **-ing**: **my brother is reading**. **Reading** alone needs **is** before it.

2. Thomas and Patrick _____ outside in the yard now.
✔ **A) are playing**
Now shows the action is happening at this moment. Thomas and Patrick are two people (**they**), so we use **are playing**.

3. (A) _____ doing?

(B) I am washing dishes.
✔ **A) What are you**
A question about now uses **What are you** + **-ing**: **What are you doing?** Don't leave out **are**.

4. They _____ eating their dinner right now because their food is too hot.
✔ **C) aren't**
Right now shows an action at this moment. The negative is **aren't** + **-ing**: **They aren't eating**.

5. (A) Are you studying English now?

(B) Yes, I _____.
✔ **B) am**
The short answer repeats the helping verb from the question. **Are you studying? → Yes, I am.**

6. (A) _____ are you doing?

(B) I'm taking a test.
✔ **A) What**
The answer tells us an action (**taking a test**), so the question is **What are you doing?**

7. I can't talk to you right now because I _____.
✔ **C) am studying**
Right now shows an action happening now. With **I** we say **am** + **-ing**: **I am studying**.

8. He usually goes for a walk at this time, but he _____ for a walk now.
✔ **C) isn't going**
Usually is for habits, but **now** is about this moment. So we use **isn't going** for now. Not **doesn't go**, because that is for habits.

9. It's very noisy upstairs! What _____?
✔ **A) are they doing**
The noise is happening now, so we ask **What are they doing?** We need **are** before **they**.

10. (A) Are they working now?

(B) No, they _____.
✔ **A) aren't**
The question uses **are**, so the short answer uses it too: **No, they aren't.**

11. I _____ dinner because we ordered pizza a few minutes ago.
✔ **A) am not making**
The pizza is coming, so at this moment I'm not cooking: **I am not making dinner**.

12. (A) _____ right now?

(B) Yes, he is.
✔ **B) Is he sleeping**
The answer **Yes, he is** shows the question starts with **Is**: **Is he sleeping right now?**

13. What _____ that cat doing over there by the chair?
✔ **A) is**
That cat is one animal, so we use **is**: **What is that cat doing?**

14. Why are we waiting? Who _____ for?
✔ **B) are we waiting**
In questions, **are** comes before the person: **Who are we waiting for?** Not **we are waiting**, because that is the order for statements.

15. (A) _____ is driving the car?

(B) David is driving the car.
✔ **C) Who**
The answer is a person (**David**), so we ask with **Who**: **Who is driving the car?**

16. (A) Is your friend sitting down?

(B) No, _____.
✔ **C) he isn't**
The question uses **Is**, so the short answer is **No, he isn't.** Not **he doesn't**, because the question doesn't use **do** or **does**.