ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Present Continuous Test A1 – A2 Grammar Exercises

A1 A2 Level Grammar Tests · 20 questions · Online test and questions PDF:
https://englishtestsonline.com/present-continuous-test-a1-a2-grammar-exercises/

1	**C**	2	**A**	3	**B**	4	**D**	5	**B**	6	**D**	7	**D**	8	**C**	9	**D**	10	**D**
11	**C**	12	**B**	13	**C**	14	**C**	15	**A**	16	**B**	17	**D**	18	**A**	19	**C**	20	**B**

Explanations

1. A: _____ you _____ to me?

B: Yes, I am.
✔ **C) Are / listening**
With **you** we use **are**. A question about now is **Are you listening...?**, and B answers **Yes, I am**.

2. He _____ a sweatsuit because he _____ to work today. He can have a rest at home.
✔ **A) is wearing / isn't going**
He goes with **is**. He is at home and can rest, so he **is wearing** a sweatsuit because he **isn't going** to work.

3. A: Where _____ you _____ in the middle of the night?

B: I'm not going anywhere.
✔ **B) are / going**
With **you** we use **are**: **Where are you going?** B answers with **I'm not going**.

4. Janice and I are at the mall now. We _____ some clothes for our children.
✔ **D) are buying**
We goes with **are**: **We are buying**. The word **now** shows the action is happening at the moment.

5. A: _____ we _____ the right battery?

B: Yes, definitely.
✔ **B) Are / using**
With **we** we use **are** + verb-**ing**: **Are we using...?** Not **Are / use**, because we need the **-ing** form.

6. Gerard _____ at the bus stop. He _____ for the bus.
✔ **D) is / is waiting**
Gerard is at the bus stop tells us where he is. **He is waiting** tells us what he is doing now.

7. _____ aren't taking photographs of statues in the museum because it is forbidden.
✔ **D) The tourists**
aren't goes with a plural subject. **The tourists** is plural. The other options are about one person, so they need **isn't**.

8. They _____ speak French well, but they _____ to the French shop owner right now.
✔ **C) can't / are talking**
They can't speak French well is about ability. **They are talking** is about what is happening **right now**.

9. A: What _____ doing?

B: I don't know. Maybe _____. The lights in his room are off.
✔ **D) is he / he is sleeping**
The light is off in **his** room, so we talk about **he**. The question is **What is he doing?** and the answer is **Maybe he is sleeping**.

10. Michael and Daniel _____ a lot these days, but they _____ their goods.
✔ **D) are travelling / can't sell**
Michael and Daniel are two people, so we use **are travelling**. **These days** shows something happening around now. **But** shows a problem: they **can't sell** their goods.

11. Alan and Eric _____ in Spain now, but they _____ their holiday there because of the rain.
✔ **C) are / aren't enjoying**
They are in Spain now tells us where they are. **Because of the rain** shows a problem, so they **aren't enjoying** their holiday.

12. A: Who _____ a shower in the bathroom?

B: Jason is in the bathroom. _____ the bathtub.
✔ **B) is having / He is cleaning**
Who goes with **is**: **Who is having a shower?** B's answer is a statement, so we write **He is cleaning**, not the question form **Is he cleaning**.

13. A: _____ your vacuum cleaner? I _____ my bedroom.

B: Sure, you can.
✔ **C) Can I use / am cleaning**
To ask for permission we say **Can I use...?** B's answer **Sure, you can** shows this. **I am cleaning** tells us what the speaker is doing now.

14. Hilda and I _____ in the garden. We _____ the flowers.
✔ **C) are / are watering**
Hilda and I means **we**, so we use **are**: **We are in the garden. We are watering the flowers.**

15. A: _____?

B: You are mimicking Uncle Victor.
✔ **A) What am I doing**
B says what A is doing: **You are mimicking Uncle Victor**. So A asked **What am I doing?**

16. A: What _____ you _____ nowadays?

B: The Power of Now by Eckhart Tolle. It is a very good book.
✔ **B) are / reading**
With **you** we use **are** + verb-**ing**: **What are you reading nowadays?** B answers with the name of a book.

17. A: _____ the right notes, Mr Clark?

B: Yes, son. Just go on. _____ following you.
✔ **D) Am I playing / I am**
The boy asks about himself: **Am I playing the right notes?** Mr Clark answers **I am following you**. Not **I can**, because **can** is not followed by **-ing**.

18. A: Where _____ spending their holiday this summer?

B: They _____ a summer house in Miami, so I think they will go there.
✔ **A) are they / have got**
Their tells us the question is about **they**: **Where are they spending their holiday? They have got a summer house** means they own one.

19. A: _____ the dog sleeping?

B: Yes, it is, and _____ a lot these days.
✔ **C) Is / it is sleeping**
The dog means **it**, so we use **is**: **Is the dog sleeping?** In B's answer we need a statement, **it is sleeping**, not the question form **is it sleeping**.

20. Alex _____ some old wooden boxes, and he _____ them at the moment.
✔ **B) has got / is painting**
Alex has got some boxes means he owns them. **At the moment** shows an action happening now: **he is painting** them.

Practise more on englishtestsonline.com
Take this test online, download its questions PDF, and find thousands of free English tests:
englishtestsonline.com · scan the code for this test
englishtestsonline.com