ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Present Simple Test A1 – A2 Grammar Exercises

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Explanations

1. _____ Alex _____ at the moment? The light in his room is off.
✔ **C) Is / sleeping**
At the moment means now, so we use **is** + **-ing**: **Is Alex sleeping?**

2. A: Frances _____ meat, so let's cook a vegetable dish for her.

B: OK. I hope she _____ spinach because we have got spinach.
✔ **B) doesn't eat / likes**
She doesn't eat meat, so we cook vegetables. With **she**, add **-s**: **doesn't eat**, **likes**. Not **like**, because **she** needs **likes**.

3. A: _____ she _____ a big family?

B: Yes, she does.
✔ **C) Does / have**
The answer **Yes, she does** shows the question starts with **Does**. After **does**, use **have**: **Does she have…?**

4. Jack seldom _____ out on Sundays, but today he _____ fun at the funfair with his friends.
✔ **D) goes / is having**
Seldom is a habit, so use **goes**. **Today** is now, so use **is having**: **he is having fun**.

5. A: _____ Nancy _____ dishes in the kitchen?

B: Yes, she is.
✔ **A) Is / washing**
The answer **Yes, she is** shows the question uses **Is** + **-ing**: **Is Nancy washing…?**

6. A: _____ Chris and Victor work on Saturdays?

B: I don't know. Why _____?
✔ **B) Do / are you asking**
Chris and Victor are two people, so use **Do**. **Why are you asking?** is about now. Not **Does**, because it is for one person.

7. A: Where _____ your sister _____?

B: On a farm in Texas. She also works there with her husband.
✔ **D) does / live**
For questions with **she/he** in the present simple, use **does** + verb: **Where does your sister live?**

8. Mark and I _____ _____ television. We turn it on maybe once a year.
✔ **B) rarely / watch**
Once a year is not often, so use **rarely**. **Mark and I** = we, so use **watch**, not **watches**.

9. A: _____ he _____ a car?

B: Yes, he has.
✔ **A) Has / got**
The answer **Yes, he has** matches **Has he got…?** With **he**, use **has**, not **have**.

10. This glass _____ to me and I _____ anybody else to use it.
✔ **C) belongs / don't want**
Belong and **want** are not used with **-ing**. So: **belongs** and **don't want**.

11. Alan _____ in the bath right now. I'm surprised because he generally _____.
✔ **D) is singing / doesn't sing**
Right now needs **is singing**. **Generally** is a habit, so use **doesn't sing**.

12. A: I _____ George is a very talented poet.

B: I agree. He _____ beautiful poems.
✔ **D) think / writes**
Think (= have an opinion) has no **-ing** form here: **I think**. He writes poems in general, so use **writes**.

13. A: Are Jeremy and you _____ or _____ fun?

B: We are laughing at a story in the book, Mum.
✔ **D) studying / having**
After **Are … you**, both verbs need **-ing**: **studying** or **having fun**.

14. A: _____ you _____ the old house at the top of the mountain?

B: Yes, definitely.
✔ **B) Do / remember**
We don't usually use **remember** with -ing, so we say **Do you remember…?** Not **Are you remembering**.

15. A: What _____ these days?

B: Nothing. He _____ a rest at home.
✔ **A) is he doing / is having**
These days is about now, for a short time, so use **is he doing** and **is having a rest**.

16. Belinda _____ a new wardrobe. She _____ it can help her tidy her bedroom.
✔ **A) needs / believes**
Need and **believe** are not used with **-ing**. With **she**, add **-s**: **needs**, **believes**.

17. A: Why _____ you always _____ the same clothes?

B: I don't wear them all the time, but I like them, so I wear them often.
✔ **D) do / wear**
For a habit, use **do you** + verb: **Why do you always wear…?** Not **wears**, because after **do** the verb has no **-s**.

18. I _____ driving, but I _____ to Lyon at the moment because I need to pick up my friend from the airport.
✔ **B) don't like / am driving**
Like is not used with **-ing**: **I don't like**. **At the moment** needs **am driving**.

19. A: Where _____?

B: To the hairdresser's.

A: But your hair looks good.

B: I _____. I'm just bored of it.
✔ **C) are you going / know**
Are you going? is about now. **Know** is not used with **-ing**, so **I know**.

20. A: Jane _____ sad and she _____.

B: Yes, her dog is lost.
✔ **A) sounds / is crying**
Sound (= seem) is not used with **-ing**: **she sounds sad**. She is crying now, so **is crying**.

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