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INVESTICE DO ROZVOJE VZDĚLÁVÁNÍ

REVISION OF PRESENT SIMPLE AND PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Present simple:

Form:

Positive:

I/You/We/They **start** at 8:00.

She/He/It **starts** at 8:00

Negative:

I/You/We/They **don't start** at 8:00.

She/He/It **doesn't start** at 8:00.

Question:

Do I/you/we/they **start** at 8:00?

Yes, I do. No, I don't.

Does she/he/it **start** at 8:00?

Yes, she does. No, she doesn't.

Use:

1 Facts which are always true

*Water **boils** at 100 degrees Celsius.*

2 Habitual actions (routines, habits)

*I usually **go** to work by car.*

3 Permanent situations and states

*My parents **live** in London. They have been there for 20 years.*

4 Future facts

*My train **leaves** at 7:00.*

Common time adverbials with the Present Simple: *always, usually, regularly, every morning, often, sometimes, twice a week, from time to time, occasionally, rarely, seldom, once a month, hardly ever, never.*

Present continuous

Form:

Positive:

Subject + to be + verb-ing

I **am going** outside.

You **are going** outside....

Negative:

Subject + not to be + verb-ing

I **am not going** outside.

You **are not going** outside. ...

Question:

to be + subject + verb-ing

Are you **going** outside?

Yes, I am. No, I am not.

Is he **going** outside?

Yes, he is. No, he isn't.

Use:

1 An activity happening now

*I'm **doing** the washing-up just now.*

2 Temporary situations and habits

*I'm **living** with some friends until I can find a flat.*

3 An annoying habit

*You're **always borrowing** money from me!*

4 Personal arrangements for the future

*We **are going** to Prague on Saturday.*

Common time adverbials: *just, now, at the moment, at the present.*

EXERCISES:

1 Choose the most suitable tense.

- a I cannot talk now. I cook / I'm cooking the dinner.
- b I have to finish it now because I am meeting / meet my old friend in an hour.
- c The River Po flows / is flowing into the Adriatic Sea.
- d Do you wait / Are you waiting for the bus to Newcastle?
- e You always borrow / You are always borrowing money from me!
- f According to this timetable, the bus is arriving / arrives at 7:00.

2 Put each verb in brackets into either the present simple or the present continuous.

- a What sort of work (you do)
- b What (you look)at? (I wear)the wrong clothes again?
- c Excuse me, (you read)..... your newspaper? Could I borrow it?
- d What time (your plane leave)
- e Which hotel (you stay)in whenever you (come)here?
- f The light from the Sun (take)8 mins 20 secs to reach the Earth.
- g When (the concert start)? – It (start)at seven.
- h Who (Sue dance)with? That's not her brother, is it?
- i I cannot see you on Thursday afternoon. I (visit)our Prague branch.

Other exercises can be found :

Murphy, Raymond. English Grammar in Use. Unit 1 – Unit 4

or

Beaumont, D., Granger, C. The Heinemann English Grammar. An Intermediate Reference and Practice Book. Unit 1 - Unit 3