



**BATTLE FOR BRITAIN
COURSE 1
VRGN-BWLF/10-66
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Mission 3.7. Present Simple

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Choose the best verbs from the boxes to complete the sentences.

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1. 'Can you do me a favour?' 'It _____.'
2. This jam _____ of 50% sugar, 10% fruit, and a lot of other stuff.
3. If that cake _____ nuts, I can't eat it.
4. I'm too good to you. You _____ me.
5. The soup's nice, but it _____ salt.
6. I wonder who _____ that dog.
7. No need to tip - the bill _____ 15% service.
8. I _____ you'd like a rest soon.

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9. 'Don't we know that man?' 'Maybe. I don't _____ him.'
 10. Do you know what 'incomprehensible' _____ ?
 11. We're going to be late, but I don't think it _____ much.
 12. I'll pay you what I _____ you tomorrow, if that's OK.
 13. 'How much money is the company making?' 'That doesn't _____ you.'
 14. There _____ to be a problem with the train.
 15. 'The police are questioning three men about the attack, but they _____ everything.'
 16. 'I've got my own helicopter.' 'You don't _____ me.'
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Choose one verb from the box for each pair of sentences. Choose the present simple of the verb for one sentence and the present continuous for the other. If there is an adverb in brackets, write it in the correct place.

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1. After twenty years, our local cinema _____ again on a Saturday morning for Kids' Club - a morning of cartoons and adventure films.
2. The theatre _____ to the public at 6.45, so I'll meet you there then.
3. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie _____ and are immediately swept away by their minders to the safety of the celebrity enclosure.
4. We expect the Royal Family at any moment. Yes, I think they _____ (just) now. I can see the first car in the procession.
5. Stars attending the ceremony _____ (usually) at the Hilton for its luxuriousness and convenience.
6. The British contingent _____ at the Hilton this year as it appears to have more secure arrangements in place.
7. Despite the cold winter in many European countries, the milder winter elsewhere underlines the fact that temperatures _____ (generally) year on year.
8. During spring temperatures _____ by about a degree every two weeks or so.
9. He _____ (often) the tutor if he's made a different interpretation of the novel; I really admire his confidence.
10. I've got so fed up with his behaviour over the last few weeks - he _____ (always) me, even when he knows nothing about the topic!

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Answer these questions.

1. Which expression can normally end the sentence correctly?

House prices go up _____

A. every year. B. again. C. by 2% this year. D. when there are not enough new houses.

2. Right or wrong?

A. Here comes our train.

B. Here is coming our train.

3. Which of these is more usual: A or B?

A. It says in the instructions that you need two 9-volt batteries.

B. It's saying in the instructions that you need two 9-volt batteries.

5. Which sounds more polite: A or B?

A. I hope you can help me.

B. I'm hoping you can help me.

6. Which is more normal: A or B?

A. I promise never to smoke again.

B. I'm promising never to smoke again.

7. Which of these sports commentaries uses the present tense correctly: A, B or both?

A. 'Smith passes to Devaney; Harris intercepts. Harris passes back to Simms and Simms shoots!'

B. 'Oxford are pulling ahead of Cambridge. They're rowing steadily. Cambridge are looking a bit disorganised.'

8. What is the difference between these two sentences?

A. I look forward to hearing from you.

B. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

9. Which of these is/are right: A, B or both?

A. I hear you're getting married.

B. I've heard you're getting married.