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Practice Worksheet- Present Continuous Tense for Beginners

Name: _____ Date: _____

Quick Reminder: Use am, is, or are + verb-ing for actions happening right now!

- **I → am (I'm)**
- **He / She / It / 1 person or thing → is (He's, She's, It's)**
- **You / We / They / 2+ people or things → are (You're, We're, They're)**

Part 1: Choose the Right Helping Verb (am, is, are)

Directions: Circle or underline the correct word in parentheses to complete each sentence.

1. **I (am / is / are) eating breakfast right now.**
2. **My sister (am / is / are) drawing a picture of our house.**
3. **Look! The dogs (am / is / are) chasing a red ball in the yard.**
4. **We (am / is / are) learning new English words in class today.**
5. **Listen! Someone (am / is / are) knocking on the front door.**
6. **You (am / is / are) sitting in my favorite chair!**
7. **The sun (am / is / are) shining brightly this morning.**
8. **Tom and Sara (am / is / are) walking to the library together.**

Part 2: Spell the -ing Verb Correctly

Directions: Fill in the blank with am, is, or are AND the correct -ing form of the verb in brackets. Watch your spelling!

9. **Dad _____ (cook) vegetable soup in the kitchen.**
10. **I _____ (write) a thank-you note to my grandmother.**
11. **Be quiet, please! The baby _____ (sleep) on the sofa.**
12. **Look at the runner! He _____ (run) very fast toward the finish line.**
13. **The children _____ (swim) in the pool right now.**
14. **She _____ (tie) her shoelaces before we go outside.**
15. **My friends _____ (make) paper airplanes at the table.**
16. **It _____ (rain) outside, so please take your umbrella.**

Part 3: Make Negative Sentences

Directions: Complete each sentence using am not, isn't, or aren't + the -ing form of the verb in brackets.

17. **I _____ (watch) television right now; I am doing my homework.**
18. **He _____ (wear) a jacket today because the weather is warm.**
19. **They _____ (listen) to the teacher; they are talking to each other.**
20. **We _____ (take) the bus this morning because Dad is driving us.**
21. **The cat _____ (drink) its milk; it is playing with a toy mouse.**

Part 4: Ask Questions & Fix Mistakes

Directions: Put the words in the correct order to make a question (Questions 22–23), and fix the grammar mistake in each sentence (Questions 24–25).

22. **(you / reading / are / what / ?)**
23. **(waiting / is / for / she / the train / ?)**
24. **Fix the mistake: My brother playing video games in his bedroom right now.**
25. **Fix the mistake: The students is sitting quietly at their desks.**

Answer Key (Teacher / Self-Check Guide)

Part 1: Choose the Right Helping Verb

1. **am**
2. **is**
3. **are**
4. **are**
5. **is**
6. **are**
7. **is**
8. **are**

Part 2: Spell the -ing Verb Correctly 9. is cooking (standard rule: add *-ing*) 10. am writing (silent *-e* rule: drop *-e* before adding *-ing*) 11. is sleeping (two vowels before consonant: do not double *-p*) 12. is running (1-1-1 CVC rule: double the *-n*) 13. are swimming (1-1-1 CVC rule: double the *-m*) 14. is tying (*-ie* rule: change *-ie* to *-y* before adding *-ing*) 15. are making (silent *-e* rule: drop *-e* before adding *-ing*) 16. is raining (two vowels before consonant: do not double *-n*)

Part 3: Make Negative Sentences 17. am not watching (or 'm not watching) 18. isn't wearing (or is not wearing) 19. aren't listening (or are not listening) 20. aren't taking (or are not taking) 21. isn't drinking (or is not drinking)

Part 4: Ask Questions & Fix Mistakes 22. What are you reading? 23. Is she waiting for the train? 24. My brother is playing video games in his bedroom right now. *(Added missing helping verb "is")* 25. The students are sitting quietly at their desks. *(Changed "is" to "are" for plural subject "students")*