

## Chapter 15. Present Continuous Tense

**Exercise 1.** Tick (✓) the correct tense forms:

1. In winter it **snows/is snowing** heavily on the Himalayas.
2. Where is Mother? She **makes/is making** tea in the kitchen.
3. I have a test tomorrow. So I **revise/am revising** my lessons now.
4. I **sleep/am sleeping** eight hours every night.
5. The gardener **carries/is carrying** a can of water. He is going to water the plants.
6. Every morning I **catch/am catching** my school bus at 7 o'clock.
7. Today I **go/am going** to school with my father.
8. Why is the market closed today? They **do not close/are not closing** the shops on Sundays.
9. I **think/am thinking** my answer is correct.
10. It has been raining heavily for many days. So all the trains on this route **run/are running** late.
11. We **want/are wanting** to save our earth from getting dirty.
12. It is Nitin's birthday today. Mama **makes/is making** a cake.

**Exercise 2.** Fill in the blanks with the correct tense, **simple present** or **present continuous**, of suitable verbs:

We can see a small group of children in this picture. A young girl \_\_\_\_\_ at the head of the group. She \_\_\_\_\_ a crown of green leaves and seven glowing candles. She \_\_\_\_\_ a tray full of cakes. A group of boys and girls



\_\_\_\_\_ behind her. All the girls \_\_\_\_\_ white dresses. The boys \_\_\_\_\_ tall, pointed hats. We can see this scene in Sweden on Saint Lucia Day. This day \_\_\_\_\_ on 13 December. On this day young girls and boys usually \_\_\_\_\_ cakes to homes, hospitals, factories, etc. Saint Lucia belonged to Italy. So the Italians also \_\_\_\_\_ this Festival. They \_\_\_\_\_ her with bonfires and special parades.

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| walk | fall | wear | carry | honour    |
| wear | wear | walk | bring | celebrate |