PRESENT SIMPLE VS PRESENT CONTINUOUS

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Exercise 1 – Same Verb, Different Meaning

Complete the sentences using the Present Simple or Present Continuous. Pay attention to the meaning of the verbs.

1. I _____ (think) the patient's symptoms are related to stress, but I _____ (think) about ordering additional tests.
2. The doctor _____ (see) six patients this afternoon. He _____ (see) no reason to cancel the appointments.
3. This soup _____ (taste) rather salty. Why _____ the nurse _____ (taste) the patient's food?
4. The patient _____ (have) difficulty breathing at the moment. He usually _____ (have) no respiratory problems.
5. The doctor _____ (feel) that further tests are necessary. The nurse _____ (feel) the patient's abdomen for signs of tenderness.
6. I _____ (understand) your concerns, but I _____ (not understand) why the patient is refusing treatment.
7. The consultant _____ (appear) to be exhausted. She _____ (appear) at a medical conference tomorrow.
8. The patient's condition _____ (depend) on several factors, and his family _____ (depend) on us for regular updates.

Exercise 2 – Habits, Annoying Behaviour and Temporary Situations

Complete the sentences with the correct tense. Then explain why that tense is appropriate.

1. Our head nurse _____ (always / remind) us to wash our hands before examining patients.
2. You _____ (always / leave) used equipment on the trolley! It's extremely frustrating.
3. I normally _____ (work) on the surgical ward, but this month I _____ (help) out in the emergency department.
4. My colleague _____ (constantly / interrupt) me while I'm taking a patient's history. It's really annoying.
5. More patients _____ (seek) medical information online these days.

6. The hospital usually _____ (admit) around 150 patients a week, but admissions _____ (increase) significantly this month.
7. Why _____ you _____ (be) so impatient with the students today? You're normally very understanding.
8. The night-shift nurses _____ (always / check) the emergency equipment before their shift begins.

Exercise 3 – Future Arrangements vs Timetables

Use the correct form of the verb in brackets. Decide whether each sentence describes a fixed schedule, a personal arrangement, or a present routine.

1. The surgical team _____ (perform) an operation at 8 a.m. tomorrow. Everything has already been arranged.
2. The medical conference _____ (begin) at 9:30 next Friday, according to the programme.
3. I _____ (meet) the head nurse after my shift to discuss the patient's case.
4. The night shift _____ (start) at 7 p.m. every evening.
5. Our department _____ (introduce) a new electronic patient-record system next month. The implementation date has been confirmed.
6. What time _____ the visiting hours _____ (end) tomorrow?
7. We _____ (not / attend) the training session on Thursday because we have already arranged a meeting with the hospital director.
8. The hospital shuttle _____ (leave) every 30 minutes.

Exercise 4 – Error Correction: Advanced Level

Each sentence contains a grammatical mistake or an unnatural tense choice. Find it, correct it and explain your reasoning.

1. I am believing that the patient needs urgent medical attention.
2. The nurse always is checking the medication before administering it.
3. I see what you mean, but I disagree with your diagnosis.
4. The patient's blood pressure increases at the moment.
5. The doctor is having three children and a demanding job.
6. The medical conference is beginning at 8 a.m. every year.
7. The hospital is belonging to a large healthcare organisation.
8. The patient's condition appears to improve.

Exercise 5 – Choose the Meaning

In each pair, explain how the meaning changes. Are both sentences grammatically correct?

A

1. The doctor thinks the patient needs further tests.
2. The doctor is thinking about ordering further tests.

B

1. The nurse is always checking the medication.
2. The nurse always checks the medication.

C

1. The surgeon operates on Friday mornings.
2. The surgeon is operating on Friday morning.

D

1. The patient is difficult.
2. The patient is being difficult.

E

1. I have a consultation with the cardiologist tomorrow.
2. I'm having a consultation with the cardiologist tomorrow.

F

1. The patient's condition improves.
2. The patient's condition is improving.

For each pair, discuss whether the sentences describe a fact, habit, temporary situation, changing situation, attitude or future arrangement.

Exercise 6 – Medical Case Study: Mixed Present Tenses

Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Think carefully about stative verbs, current changes, routines and future arrangements.

A Busy Week in the Emergency Department

Dr Harris normally (1) _____ (work) in the cardiology department, but this week she (2) _____ (cover) shifts in A&E because several colleagues are on sick leave.

She (3) _____ (believe) that the department needs more staff, as the number of emergency admissions (4) _____ (increase) steadily.

At the moment, she (5) _____ (examine) a 55-year-old man who (6) _____ (complain) of chest pain and dizziness. She (7) _____ (suspect) a cardiac problem and (8) _____ (consider) requesting further investigations.

Meanwhile, the patient (9) _____ (seem) extremely anxious. He (10) _____ (constantly / ask) whether he is going to have a heart attack.

Dr Harris (11) _____ (understand) his concerns, but she (12) _____ (try) to reassure him.

The patient (13) _____ (have) an ECG in a few minutes, and the cardiologist (14) _____ (see) him later this afternoon. Both appointments have already been arranged.