

## Present Tense Usage in E4PS

**EXERCISE 1 — Complete the texts below with the appropriate form of *present simple*, sometimes in its passive voice:**

**Apple Inc.** ..... (1. to be) an American multinational technology company headquartered in Cupertino, California, in Silicon Valley, and known for consumer electronics, software and online services.

Apple's product lineup ..... (2. to include) portable and home hardware like the iPhone, iPad, Mac, Apple Watch, and AirPods; several in-house operating systems such as iOS, iPadOS, and macOS; and various software and services including Apple Pay and iCloud, as well as multimedia streaming services like Apple Music and Apple TV.

**Mac**, which ..... (3. to be) short for Macintosh, its official name until 1999, ..... (4. to be) Apple's line of personal computers that ..... (5. to use) the company's proprietary macOS operating system. Personal computers were Apple's original business line, but as of the end of 2024 they ..... (6. to account for) only about eight percent of the company's revenue.

Macs ..... (7. to use) Apple silicon chips, ..... (8. to run) the macOS operating system, and ..... (9. to include) Apple software like the Safari web browser, iMovie for home movie editing, GarageBand for music creation, and the iWork productivity suite. Apple also ..... (10. to sell) pro apps: Final Cut Pro for video production, Logic Pro for musicians and producers, and Xcode for software developers.

Many Apple Stores ..... (11. to be located) inside shopping malls, but Apple has built several stand-alone "flagship" stores in high-profile locations. Although Apple Store employees ..... (12. to receive) above-average pay, ..... (13. to be offered) money toward education and health care, and ..... (14. to receive) product discounts, there ..... (15. to be) limited or no paths of career advancement.



**About COP29** – COP 29 ..... (1. to refer) to the United Nations Climate Change Conference taking place in Baku, Azerbaijan, from 11 to 22 November 2024. UN Climate Change conferences (or COPs) ..... (2. to take) place every year, and ..... (3. to be) the world's only multilateral decision-making forum on climate change that ..... (4. to bring) together almost every country on Earth.

To put it simply, the COP ..... (5. to be) where the world ..... (6. to come) together to agree on ways to address the climate crisis, such as limiting global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius, helping vulnerable communities adapt to the effects of climate change, and achieving net-zero emissions by 2050. Officially, COP 29 ..... (7. to stand) for the 29th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the UNFCCC.

### **Why is the planet getting warmer?**

The warming of Earth ..... (8. to happen) because the atmosphere ..... (9. to trap) heat radiating from the world and ..... (10. to stop) it escaping into space. Certain gases in the atmosphere, called greenhouse gases, ..... (11. to block) the heat from escaping. One of the biggest problems ..... (12. to be) carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Carbon dioxide ..... (13. to be released) naturally but humans have increased CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere by more than a third by burning fossil fuels like coal and oil.

People in poorer developing countries ..... (14. to tend) to pollute less and ..... (15. not/to be) responsible for most of the emissions in the past but they ..... (16. to experience) some of the worst effects of climate change.



The **British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)** ..... (1. to be) the public-service broadcaster of the United Kingdom, headquartered at Broadcasting House in London.

It ..... (2. to be) the world's oldest national broadcasting organisation and the largest broadcaster in the world by number of employees, with over 20,950 staff in total, of whom 16,672 ..... (3. to be) in public sector broadcasting; including part-time, flexible as well as fixed contract staff, the total number ..... (4. to be) 35,402.

The BBC ..... (5. to be established) under a Royal Charter and ..... (6. to operate) under its Agreement with the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. Its

work ..... (7. to be funded) principally by an annual television licence fee which ..... (8. to be charged) to all British households, companies, and organisations using any type of equipment to receive or record live television broadcasts. The fee ..... (9. to be set) by the British Government, agreed by Parliament, and used to fund the BBC's extensive radio, TV, and online services covering the nations and regions of the UK. From 1 April 2014 it also ..... (10. to fund) the BBC World Service, launched in 1932, which ..... (11. to provide) comprehensive TV, radio, and online services in Arabic, and Persian, and ..... (12. to broadcast) in 28 languages.

Around a quarter of BBC revenues ..... (13. to come) from its commercial arm BBC Worldwide Ltd. which ..... (14. to sell) BBC programmes and services internationally and also ..... (15. to distribute) the BBC's international 24-hour English language news services BBC World News and BBC.com, provided by BBC Global News Ltd.



**EXERCISE 2 — Complete the passage about Peter Morgan with the correct form of *present simple* of these verbs:**

not be	check	get	greet	need	not leave	say
spend	switch on	take	travel	want	work	

Peter Morgan ..... (1) for Electrosystems plc in London. He ..... (2) to work by train and underground from his home in Wimbledon. The journey ..... (3) 55 minutes door-to-door when the train ..... (4) late. When he ..... (5) to work, he ..... (6) his colleagues, ..... (7) his computer and ..... (8) his emails. He ..... (9) at least nine hours a day in the office and ..... (10) before 7 o'clock. He ..... (11) 'If you ..... (12) to succeed in your career, you ..... (13) to show commitment'.



**EXERCISE 3 — Complete the dialogue by putting the verbs into the *present simple*, sometimes in its negative and interrogative forms:**

HELMUT: It's a good conference, isn't it?

TATIANA: Yes, it is. .... (1. you / to come) every year?

HELMUT: Not every year. It ..... (2. to depend) on whether I have the time. I ..... (3. to work) in technical support in the IT area and we often have to deal with a crisis at short notice. We ..... (4. not / to know) our job schedule from one week to the next. But I ..... (5. to come) to the conference whenever I can. What about you? What ..... (6. you / to do)?

TATIANA: I'm an information systems manager. I ..... (7. to direct) the work of system analysts, computer programmers and support specialists like you. Listen, can I ask you something? ..... (8. you / to plan) to stay in your company for ever?

HELMUT: Well, I like my work, but of course if someone ..... (9. to make) me a more attractive offer, I'll consider it. Why? What ..... (10. you / to have) in mind?

TATIANA: Our company often ..... (11. to need) IT technicians, and we pay well. Here's my card. Give me a call next week. We ..... (12. not / to have) any vacancies at the moment, but we're a big organization and we may be recruiting more people soon.



**EXERCISE 4 – Put each verb into the *present simple* or *present continuous*:**

1. We ..... (to spend) a lot of money on advertising this year.
2. Every year we ..... (to spend) over € 500,000 on raw materials.
3. I ..... (to enjoy) this conference - It's more interesting than last year.
4. I ..... (to enjoy) a glass of wine occasionally, but I .....  
(not / to drink) very much.
5. Central banks always ..... (to raise) interest rates when inflation goes up.
6. The Federal Reserve ..... (to raise) rates quite slowly at the moment.
7. The sales report is my responsibility. Most of the time I ..... (to write) it.
8. This time Wu ..... (to write) the sales report – I'm away on holiday.
9. Look! They ..... (to sell) their new cell phone with a 10% discount!
10. Of course, in the winter we ..... (to sell) more coats, hats and scarves.
11. She's Czech – she ..... (to come) from Prague.
12. She ..... (to come) from Prague, so she may be late.



**EXERCISE 5 – Put the verb into the *present simple* or *present continuous*:**

1. It normally ..... about two weeks, but this one .....  
longer than usual. (to take)
2. We usually ..... everything by post, but we .....  
this package by courier so we can track it if there are any problems. (to send)

3. The company usually ..... us business class tickets, but they ..... us economy tickets for this trip because there are so many of us going. (to give)
4. We normally ..... a London firm, but we ..... somebody local this time so we can keep an eye on every detail. (to use)
5. We ..... more than we need at the best of times, and we ..... a penny more than we need with interest rate at 12%. (not / to borrow)



**EXERCISE 6 — Complete the following text with the appropriate form of *present simple* or *present continuous*:**

The Google brand ..... (1. to grow) rapidly. According to the Millward Brown Brandz report, it ..... (2. to hold) first place in the list of top 100 brands. In fact, the IT field ..... (3. to dominate) the top-ten corporate brands. Google ..... (4. to operate) websites at many international domains, the most popular being [www.google.com](http://www.google.com), and ..... (5. to generate) revenue by providing effective advertising opportunities. Google always ..... (6. to focus) on the user, and consumers usually ..... (7. to see) Google as quite trustworthy.

Nowadays, companies ..... (8. to begin) to recognise that brands are amongst their most valuable assets. They ..... (9. to understand) that brands ..... (10. to become) ever more powerful in driving business growth. Strong brands ..... (11. to generate) superior returns and protect businesses from risk. Google currently ..... (12. to hold) the top position, but it has to keep innovating if it wants to remain number one. Blackberry and Apple are the two fastest-growing brands in the top 100, and China Mobile ..... (13. to grow) steadily, too.



**EXERCISE 7 — Complete this article about the magazine *Time Out* with the correct form of *present simple* or *present continuous* of these verbs:**

<b>have(2x)</b>	<b>not / have</b>	<b>investigate</b>	<b>look for</b>	<b>move</b>
	<b>own</b>	<b>provide</b>	<b>rely</b>	<b>try to</b>
			<b>want</b>	

*Time Out*, the London entertainment magazine, ..... (1) plans for expansion. It already ..... (2) the monthly magazine *Paris Passion*, and now ..... (3) beyond France to other markets such as Argentina and Japan. Tony Elliott, *Time Out's* founder, says he ..... (4) local people to initiate and run the magazines, as *Time Out's* London office ..... (5) the cash or management time. Elliott also ..... (6) plans for the website, Timeout.com, which was launched in 1995 and ..... (7) information about more than 30 cities. It ..... (8) on advertising revenue and a small amount of money from ticket sales to survive. But as *Time Out* changes and expands, Tony Elliott ..... (9) persuade advertisers in the printed version to take more space on the Internet site. Also, he ..... (10) the possibility of charging visitors to the site for access to some information. Despite these expansion plans, Elliot says that a flotation on the stock market is out of the question. He ..... (11.) to keep control of the business he has built up.

**3.2** Write ✓ if the sentence is possible, write ✗ if it is impossible.

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| 1 I'm drinking white wine. ✓      | 7 This machine is costing \$1m. |
| 2 I'm preferring white wine. ✗    | 8 This machine is working well. |
| 3 That laptop belongs to me.      | 9 I need your signature.        |
| 4 That laptop is belonging to me. | 10 I am needing your signature. |
| 5 It's seeming complicated.       | 11 We're giving a discount.     |
| 6 It's becoming complicated.      | 12 We're wanting a discount.    |