

Worksheet 1/2 on Present Tense Verbs

Mini Lesson

The simple present tense verb is action happening right now. The sentence is either a statement; I read. Read is the action.

Definition

And/or, the present progressive verb tense is an event that is ongoing right now; We are reading. Are is the "To Be" verb stating that the event is happening right now and the verb plus ing; reading, is the progressive verb telling us that it is continuing.

The action is happening right now and I am saying the sentence at the same time.

Example

Between 70% to 90% of honey bees **are dying** world wide. **~are** is the simple present tense verb "To Be", an event happening right now. **~ing** is the present progressive verb tense, an event that is happening now and is continuing.

Directions

Circle the simple present verbs and the present progressive verbs. The first one has been done for you.

- 1 Entomologists are warning humans that bee colonies are dwindling.
- 2 Officially termed, Colony Collapse Disorder, CCD is blaming air pollution, genetically modified crops, agor-chemicals and cell phone radio waves.
- 3 Albert Einstein predicated, "When the honeybee is becoming extinct, the human race will follow within four years."
- 4 Honey bees are to the health of the Earth like a canary is to a mine. They are a sign telling us of dangers. If the canary dies there is leaking of toxic gas in the mine shaft. Get out. If the honey bees are dying, our Earth is dying.

Present Tense of the Verb "To Be"

Singular	Plural
I am	We are
You are	You are
She is	They are
He is	They are
It is	They are

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- 5 No scientific study is able to discover exactly why the bees are disappearing.
- 6 Often, there are not any dead bees in the vacant hives leaving research wondering where are all the bees?
- 7 In Argentina, the bees are resistant to mites, but in the US, bees succumb to the invading mites.
- 8 Genetically modified crops weaken the bees.
- 9 A colony is a series of generations, but adult bees are dying before they reproduce.
- 10 When bees are healthier they fight off the mites and survive to reproduce.

Here is a list of flowers you can plant in and around your community to encourage and support bees. Think indigenous species, local plants, when growing your garden. Entomologists know that bees like the flowers mentioned here. The second name is the scientific name of the flower.

Aster ~ Aster	Black-eyed Susan ~ Rudbeckia	Caltrop ~ Kallstroemia	Creosote Bush ~ Larria
Currant ~ Ribes	Elder ~ Sambucus	Goldenrod ~ Solidago	Huckleberry ~ Vaccinium
Joe-pye weed ~ Eupatorium	Lupine ~ Lupinus	Oregon grape ~ Berberis	Penstemon ~ Pentstemon
Purple coneflower ~ Echinacea	Rabbit-brush ~ Chrysothamnus	Rhododendron ~ Rhododendron	Sage ~ Salvia
Scorpion-weed ~ Phacelia	Snowberry ~ Symphoricarpos	Stonecrop ~ Sedum	Sunflower ~ Helianthus
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