

## TV Ads- Present Simple and Present Continuous Presentation and Practice

### Part One: Ranking

Decide if each of the advertisements below sounds good, bad or so-so and mark them with a tick, a cross or a question mark.

A d	Most important image in the commercial	Advertiser's message
A	A toy bulldog decoration is nodding as the car which it is in is driving along the street and the driver is asking questions about car insurance	Churchill Insurance says yes to what its customers really want
B	A car full of young men is falling off the side of a road after they play a trick on their friend by accelerating each time he tries to open the back door	The company saves their customers money by only insuring female drivers (not crazy young men)
C	An orange man is slapping people who are drinking fizzy drinks around the face	Tango soda has a really strong taste
D	A man and a woman are running really fast and crashing through walls of buildings	Levis jeans last a long time and are hard-wearing
E	A boy in old fashioned clothes is cycling up a steep hill to deliver some food	Hovis brown bread is made to a traditional recipe but is worth the extra effort

Rank the advertisements above from one to five from the one which sounds most effective to you to the one which seems the least effective.

### Part Two: Grammar presentation

Which tenses are used in the left-hand and right-hand columns below? Why are those tenses used?

What is the difference in meaning and use between the two tenses in general?

**Part Three: Controlled practice**

Try to think what the key images or messages of at least five of the products below could be, using the same tenses as above each time.

Most important image in the commercial	Advertiser's message
	The product makes your breath really fresh
	Cigarettes make you look cool
A man is climbing up the wall of a house to leave a box of chocolates on a women's bed while she is out	
	You either love Marmite yeast spread on your toast or you hate it (no one just thinks that it is okay)
A man is drinking the beer which he should be bringing to his dying father	
A mouse is hiding from a cat in the car	
Cars are hiding and playing the children's game hide and seek all around the city	
	Our milk tastes so good that you won't want to share it with anyone
A man and a bear are fighting for something next to a river	
The police are arresting the three little pigs for killing the big bad wolf	
	Fur coats are made by killing things, so don't buy them

Put the answers below the fold below into the right gaps above.

- A man who looks like Frank Sinatra is smoking on a street corner
- A woman is dragging a bloody animal along a fashion catwalk
- Cats are breaking into a house while a man hides in the kitchen holding something to his chest
- Ford Mondeos keep you safe
- Milk Tray shows how much you love someone
- Peugeots make driving fun
- Some sales reps are running after people to try their product while eager customers are chasing other sales reps who are holding the same product A tube of toothpaste and a toothbrush are standing in a big ice cube
- Stella Artois tastes so good that you just can't resist it
- The Guardian newspaper tells the story behind the news that others don't tell you
- We put in lots of effort to make sure that John West tinned salmon has the freshest and most delicious fish in it

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**Suggested answers**

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*Rank the ads above from 1 to 11 in the same way as you did with the first 5.*

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### Part Four: Freer practice

*Try to think of a good key image or a message that you want to give of a product, then the message or key image that could match that thing.*

#### **Suggested products**

app (= application, e.g. smartphone application)

armchair or sofa

automatic pencil (= mechanical pencil)

biro

bin (= trash can)

business shirt (= dress shirt)

correcting fluid (=Tippex/ Whiteout)

glue

HDTV

humidifier

intercom

jumper (= sweater)

light bulb

pot noodles

rubber band

safe

(winter) scarf

socket (= electrical outlet)

stapler

trainers (= sports shoes)

washing powder

washing-up liquid