Present Simple or Present Continuous Exercises

Complete the sentences with the correct tense (present simple or present continuous). Use short forms where possible.

Frank usually _____ until 11 am, but these days he _____ at 10 am. (sleep / get up)
→ Frank usually sleeps until 11 am, but these days he's getting up at 10 am.

1. I _____ for my exam right now. (study)
2. The children _____ TV on weekdays. (not watch)
3. We _____ from home this week. (work)
4. Water _____ at 0°C. (freeze)
5. You _____ the answer. (know)
6. Listen! The baby _____. (cry)
7. My brother _____ in Paris, but this month he _____ with us. (live / stay)
8. Julia _____ coffee, but she _____ it today. (not like / drink)
9. I _____ this exercise _____ easy. (think / be)
10. They _____ a new bridge near my house. (build)
11. My sister sometimes _____ the bus to work. (take)
12. The teacher _____ the question. (not understand)
13. He _____ dinner now. (not cook)
14. Alex and Maria often _____ to the gym after work. (go)
15. Look! It _____ . (rain)
16. Ethel and I _____ to the theatre this Sunday. (go)
17. I _____ a really good book at the moment. (read)
18. The shop _____ at 9 pm on Thursdays. (close)
19. I _____ you _____ (work) too much these days. (think / work)
20. She normally _____ maths, but this term she _____ science. (teach / teach)

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Answers

1. I**'m studying** for my exam right now.
2. The children **don't watch** TV on weekdays.
3. We**'re working** from home this week.
4. Water **freezes** at 0°C.
5. You **know** the answer.
6. Listen! The baby**'s crying**.
7. My brother **lives** in Paris, but this month he**'s staying** with us.
8. Julia **doesn't like** coffee, but she**'s drinking** it today.
9. I **think** this exercise **is** easy.
10. They**'re building** a new bridge near my house.
11. My sister sometimes **takes** the bus to work.
12. The teacher **doesn't understand** the question.
13. He**'s not cooking** dinner now. / He **isn't cooking** dinner now.
14. Alex and Maria often **go** to the gym after work.
15. Look! It**'s raining**.
16. Ethel and I **are going** to the theatre this Sunday.
17. I**'m reading** a really good book at the moment.
18. The shop **closes** at 9 pm on Thursdays.
19. I **think** you**'re working** too much these days.
20. She normally **teaches** maths, but this term she**'s teaching** science.

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