# Present Simple






# Present Continuous

| Present Simple | Present Continuous |
| --- | --- |
| Clue words | Clue words |
| Always | At the moment |
| Usually | At present |
| Often | Currently |
| Sometimes | Nowadays |
| Never | Now |

# Present Simple

## Affirmative

| Subject | + | verb (present form) |
|---|---|---|
| I | | play |
| You | | play |
| He, She, It | | plays |
| We | | play |
| You | | play |
| They | | play |



# Present Continuous

| Subject | + am, is, are + | verb + ing |
|---|---|---|
| I | am | playing |
| You | are | playing |
| He, She, It | is | playing |
| We | are | playing |
| You | are | playing |
| They | are | playing |

# Present Simple

## Negative

| Subject | + do, does + *not* + | verb |
|---|---|---|
| I | don't | play |
| You | don't | play |
| He, She, It | doesn't | play |
| We | don't | play |
| You | don't | play |
| They | don't | play |

# Present Continuous

| Subject | + am, is, are + *not* | verb + ing |
|---|---|---|
| I | am not | playing |
| You | aren't | playing |
| He, She, It | isn't | playing |
| We | aren't | playing |
| You | aren't | playing |
| They | aren't | playing |



# Present Simple

## Interrogative

| do, does + | subject | + verb |
|---|---|---|
| do | I | play? |
| do | You | play? |
| does | He, She, It | play? |
| do | We | play? |
| do | You | play? |
| do | They | play? |

# Present Continuous

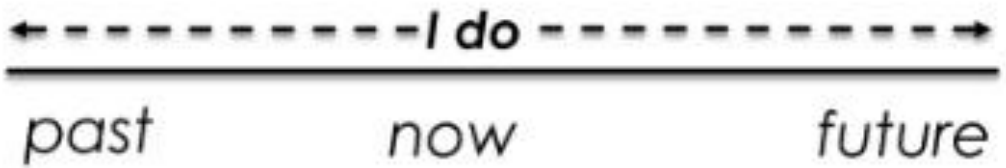
| am, is, are + | subject | + verb + ing |
|---|---|---|
| am | I | playing? |
| are | You | playing? |
| is | He, She, It | playing? |
| are | We | playing? |
| are | You | playing? |
| are | They | playing? |



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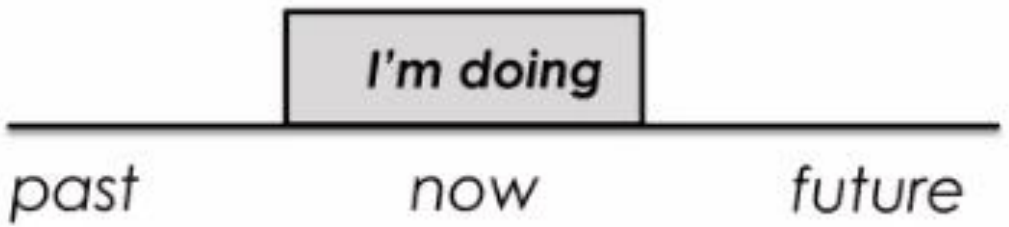
## Present Simple

**repeated actions** (habits, routines).




## Present Continuous

*something* **happening at the time of speaking.**
**The action is not finished.**



# Present Simple

He is a chef.
He cooks
delicious food.



# Present Continuous

Now, he is
cooking a new
recipe.



# Present Simple

I'm a builder.
I **build** houses.



# Present Continuous

**At the moment,**
**I'm building**
a new house.



# Present Simple



She works very hard most of the time.

# Present Continuous



At the moment, she is chatting in the workplace.

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## Present Simple

a permanent situation.

I'm a doctor.
I treat people.



## Present Continuous

a temporary situation.

Currently,
I'm not working.
I'm ill.



# Present Simple



She **is** French.
She **lives** in Paris.

# Present Continuous




**At present**, she **is living** in London. She **is learning** English.

# Present Simple



They always go to school by car.

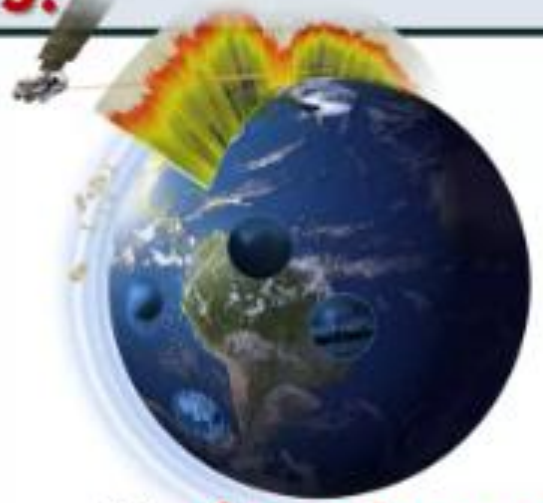
# Present Continuous



This week, they are going to school on foot.

Their car is broken.

3.

| Present Simple | Present Continuous |
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| to say that **something is true or untrue in general.** | to talk about **changes, developments and trends.** |
|  |  |
| The earth **turns** 360° **every day**. | The earth **is changing** due to global warming. |

## Present Simple



Polar bears **live** in the north pole.

## Present Continuous



Climate change **is affecting** polar bears.

4.

# Present Simple

The Present Simple is normally used to talk about **thoughts, feelings and states.**

I **don't believe**!
Is that really true?



# Present Continuous

The Present Continuous is mainly used for actions and happenings. It's **not usually** used for states.

like – love - hate – want - be

prefer - know – suppose – mean

believe – understand- seem,…

These verbs are **not normally used** in continuous/ progressive tenses.

# Present Simple

The Present Simple is normally used to talk about **thoughts, feelings and states**.

She **doesn't seem** very happy **at the moment**.



# Present Continuous

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# Present Simple

The Present Simple is normally used to talk about **thoughts, feelings and states.**

It **tastes** good.



# Present Continuous

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5.

# Present Simple

# Present Continuous

## Always

**Always** with the Present Simple means "**every time**".

**Always** with the Present Continuous means "**too often**".

We *always* **play** video games after lunch.



They **are** *always* **playing** video games!





# Present Simple

# Present Continuous

**Always**

We *always* **celebrate** our wedding anniversary.



You **are** *always* **forgetting** our wedding anniversary!



6.

## Present Simple

In storytelling and commentaries the Present Simple is used to describe the main events.

Baptista passes to Cohen who shoots just over the bar.

## Present Continuous

The Present continuous is used to background events.

The blues are attacking much more in this half.



| Present Simple | Present Continuous |
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# Future meanings



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| Present Simple | Present Continuous |
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| an official arrangement such as a timetable or programme | a personal arrangement |
|  The train leaves Manchester at 11.30 and arrives in London at 14.20 p.m. | They are having a party tomorrow.  |

## Present Simple

What time **is** the match **on** Sunday?

It **starts** at seven o'clock.



## Present Continuous

I'**m** meet**ing** Rose at six o'clock.



We can also use the Present Simple for facts.

Tomorrow is Tuesday.

