

SIMPLE PRESENT vs PRESENT PROGRESSIVE

GRAMMAR V

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Your name is _____ I.D. Card number _____

PRESENT SIMPLE VS PRESENT CONTINUOUS

PRESENT SIMPLE

USES: routines
 gustos - likes + dislikes (stative verbs)
 hechos o verdades generales

EXAMPLE: Alicia plays the guitar every afternoon

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

USES: Actions happening NOW or around now
 Do NOT use this tense with STATIVE VERBS (feelings, mental processes, 5 senses)

EXAMPLE: Alicia is playing the guitar right now

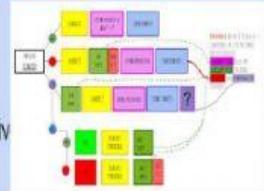
TIME EXPRESSIONS:

- Adverbs of frequency (always, usually, sometimes, never..)
- once a... / twice a... / 3 (or more) times a...
- every... day /week / month / Monday...
- on + day of the week

(find more time expression on your class notes)

REMEMBER !

- Add **-S** (3rd person singular) in affirmative sentences
- Use **DO / DOES** for interrogative and negative sentences



TIME EXPRESSIONS:

- now, right now, today, at the moment
- these days
- Look! Listen!

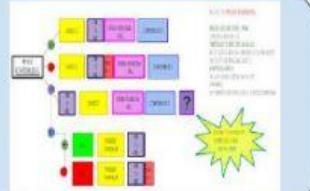
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REMEMBER !

There are two parts in this verbal tense

am
 is
 are

vb -ing



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Fill in the correct form of the present tense.

1. They normally _____ a coffee break at ten, but today there's a lot of work to do so they _____ one. (HAVE, NOT HAVE)
2. Why _____ my coat? - I'm sorry. - It _____ just like mine. (YOU WEAR, LOOK)
3. _____ the men in black suits over there? - They _____ at us in a strange way. (YOU SEE, LOOK)
4. The food _____ chemicals that make it last longer. (CONTAIN)
5. It _____ the moon about 28 days to travel around the earth. (TAKE)
6. Everything in this box _____ to my grandfather. He _____ it to me instead of my brother. (BELONG, GIVE)
7. Mary _____ through a very difficult period at university this year. (GO)
8. Dad _____ everything about airplanes. He always _____ books about aviation. (KNOW, READ)
9. I used to play football in school but now I _____ rugby. (PREFER)
10. Hi Dan! - What _____ to do this evening? - Well, I _____ to a concert with a few friends and after that we _____ a good meal at a fine restaurant. (YOU PLAN, GO, HAVE)