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# Worksheet: Simple Present or Present Continuous?

|                      | SIMPLE PRESENT                                                                                              | PRESENT CONTINUOUS                                                           |
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| <b>Definition</b>    | Routines and permanent situations                                                                           | Actions happening at the moment of speaking or around the moment of speaking |
| <b>Key words</b>     | <b>always, often, usually, sometimes, hardly ever, never, every day, every week, every year, on Mondays</b> | <b>now, at the moment, Look!, Listen!</b>                                    |
| <b>Forms</b>         | <u>Infinitive</u><br>3rd person singular (he, she, it) verb + (s) (es) (i+es)                               | to be ( <b>am, are, is</b> ) + <b>verb + ing</b>                             |
| <b>Affirmative</b>   | I <b>work</b> here. / He <b>works</b> here.                                                                 | I <b>am working</b> now. / He <b>is working</b> now.                         |
| <b>Negative</b>      | I <b>don't</b> (do not) <b>work</b> here.<br>He <b>doesn't</b> (does not) <b>work</b> here.                 | I <b>'m not</b> working now.<br>She <b>isn't</b> working now.                |
| <b>Interrogative</b> | <b>Do</b> you <b>work</b> here?<br><b>Does</b> he <b>work</b> here?                                         | <b>Am</b> I <b>working</b> now?<br><b>Is</b> she <b>working</b> now?         |



**STATIVE VERBS:** do NOT use them in continuous forms, only SIMPLE.  
believe, know, understand, think (opinion), be, have (possess), like, love, hate, dislike, prefer, mind, appear, look (appearance), seem, belong, include, need, want, agree, disagree, etc.

## Let's practice!

1. Choose the correct option.



- We \_\_\_\_\_ a new computer right now. (need / are needing)
- You have to go now. It \_\_\_\_\_ dark. (gets / is getting)
- Bob \_\_\_\_\_ movies every night. (watch / watches / is watching)
- My sister and I \_\_\_\_\_ at the club at weekends. (swim / swims)
- My father \_\_\_\_\_ home at 11:00 pm every day. (arrives / is arriving)
- Take an umbrella. It \_\_\_\_\_. (rains / is raining)
- I \_\_\_\_\_ she forgot my party. (don't believe / 'm not believing)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mary like going out? (Does / Is)
- Listen! The band \_\_\_\_\_ a beautiful song now. (plays / is playing)
- My mum \_\_\_\_\_ like her sister. They look so different. (doesn't look / isn't looking)

**2. Put the verbs into the correct tense.**

- a) Listen! Someone \_\_\_\_\_ you. (call)
- b) Be quiet, please. The baby \_\_\_\_\_ at the moment. (sleep)
- c) He often \_\_\_\_\_ to the movies with his girlfriend. (go)
- d) Every weekend, the boys \_\_\_\_\_ their father. (visit)
- e) We \_\_\_\_\_ volleyball at the club on Sundays. (not play)
- f) She \_\_\_\_\_ Italian on Mondays and Sundays. (study)
- g) Look! That woman \_\_\_\_\_ a funny hat. (wear)
- h) I \_\_\_\_\_ my homework now. (not do)
- i) Listen! \_\_\_\_\_ Mary \_\_\_\_\_ the piano? (play)
- j) Every morning, I \_\_\_\_\_ my breakfast at the snack bar. (have)
- k) \_\_\_\_\_ the kids \_\_\_\_\_ with their dad or their mum? (live)
- l) Look! It \_\_\_\_\_. Let's make a snowman! (snow)

