

Present Simple and Present Continuous

Present Simple

(Aux:   DO/DOES + Verb INF)

FORM: I, you, we, they + Verb (INF)
he, she, it + Verb -S

USE: to talk about things as "normal".

KEYWORDS: Always, usually, often,
sometimes, never, every week, ...

Present Continuous (Aux: AM/IS/ARE)

FORM: I + AM + Verb -ING
he, she, it + IS + Verb -ING
you, we, they + ARE + Verb -ING

USE: to talk about things related to a time.

KEYWORDS: Now, at the moment, today,
tomorrow, this week, on Thursday, ...

ACTIVITY:

Complete the sentences with the right form of the PRESENT SIMPLE or PRESENT CONTINUOUS of the verbs in brackets:

Example: What time do you go (you/go) to bed every night?

1. My sister is always happy. She always _____ (smile) a lot.
2. They _____ (watch) a film tonight.
3. My sister _____ (not get up) early at the weekends.
4. What _____ (you/usually do) on Saturdays?
5. It _____ (snow) at the moment.
6. I usually _____ (ride) my bicycle when I go to meet my friends.
7. I _____ (not go) to Bill's house because I have to clean my car.
8. I'm tired, I _____ (go) home right now.
9. I _____ (play) tennis tomorrow.
10. I _____ (use) my mobile phone a lot.
11. Excuse me, _____ (you/speak) English?
12. The sun _____ (rise) in the east.
13. The sun _____ (not shine) today.
14. People from Rome _____ (speak) Italian.
15. I _____ (do) this test in English.
16. My mother never _____ (wear) jeans.
17. What _____ (you/have) for dinner tonight?
18. The shops _____ (open) at 9 every day.
19. We _____ (not go) to school at weekends.
20. Today, my father _____ (travel) to Italy.
21. Listen! Somebody _____ (sing).
22. How often _____ (you/read) a newspaper?
23. You can turn off the radio; I _____ (not listen) to it.