

Comparing present simple and present continuous.

Tense helps us to understand **when** the action happens.

### Present Simple

#### Key words:

always, sometimes,  
often, never, every  
day, on ...

Someone does  
something frequently  
(more than one time.)

### Present Continuous

#### Key words:

now, at the  
moment, today, this  
week, this month ...

Someone is doing  
something now. (The  
action is not finished.)

### Positive

I brush my hair every day.

I am brushing my hair now.

She brushes her teeth  
frequently.

She is brushing her teeth at this  
moment.

They brush their hair sometimes.

They are brushing their hair this  
afternoon.

### Negative

I do not brush my hair on  
weekends.

I am not brushing my hair now.

She does not brush her teeth  
sometimes.

She is not brushing her teeth this  
morning.

They do not brush their hair  
often.

They are not brushing their hair at  
the moment.

### Question

Do I brush my hair every day?

Am I brushing my hair this  
morning?

Does she brush her teeth often?

Is she brushing her teeth now?

Do they brush their hair  
everyday?

Are they brushing their hair at the  
moment?

## What is the tense?

Click on the tick in the correct column.

	Present Simple	Present Continuous
Do they walk the dogs on Fridays?	✓	✓
Is he sitting in the kitchen this morning?	✓	✓
Am I eating my apple today?	✓	✓
Does she wear long, red, pants?	✓	✓
Am I reading an email at the moment?	✓	✓
Do I catch the bus to TAFE every day?	✓	✓
Doesn't he walk to school?	✓	✓
Are they planting a garden this week?	✓	✓
Isn't she sleeping right now?	✓	✓
Are they riding to work today?	✓	✓
Do I wake up at 6am every day.	✓	✓

Finish the questions by typing in the correct word/s.

1. \_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) to TAFE every day?
2. \_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_ (swim) at the Aquatic Centre on the weekend?
3. \_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) on her phone right now?
4. \_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_ (catch) the bus every weekend?
5. \_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) in my bed at night?
6. \_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) breakfast at the moment?
7. \_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) clothes today?
8. \_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ (run) in the park every weekend?
9. \_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) English this year?
10. \_\_\_ Gillian \_\_\_\_\_ (work) at TAFE on Mon, Wed, Thur and Fri?