

SIMPLE PRESENT **OR** **PRESENT CONTINUOUS?**

LET'S SEE!

Simple Present

Use:

- Habits and routines
e.g. I **wake up** at 7 every day.
- Things that are true (facts)
e.g. Argentina **is** in South America.
- Permanent situations
e.g. I **live** in Martinez.

Present Continuous

Use:

- Something happening now
e.g. I **am studying** for the test now.
- Something happening at the present
but not necessary at the moment
e.g. She's **learning** Chinese at school.
- Temporary situations
e.g. They're **staying** in a great hotel in Mexico.

Simple Present

Form:

(Aff) Subject + verb + rest ...

e.g. I wake up at 7 every day.

(Neg) Subject + Auxiliary Verb + Verb + rest ...

e.g. I don't wake up at 7 every day.

(Int) Auxiliary verb + Subject + Verb + rest ... + ?

e.g. Do I wake up at 7 every day?.

Present Continuous

Form:

(Aff) Subject + verb 'to be' + verb-ing + rest ...

e.g. They are learning English now.

(Neg) Subject + verb 'to be' + negative + Verb-ing + rest ...

e.g. They are not learning English now.

(Int) Verb 'to be' + Subject + Verb-ing + rest ... + ?

e.g. Are they learning English now?

Simple Present

Remember:

- Auxiliary verbs Interrogative:

DO / DOES

- Auxiliary verbs Negative:

DON'T / DOESN'T

IMPORTANT:

WE ADD AN **S** TO THE VERB IF THE SUBJECT IS 'HE', 'SHE' OR 'IT'. WHEN WE USE **DOES** WE DON'T ADD THE **S** TO THE VERB.

Present Continuous

Remember:

HERE WE DON'T USE AUXILIARY VERBS. BUT IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT:

AM



I

IS



HE / SHE / IT

ARE



YOU/WE/THEY



Match the sentence halves.

- 1 Right now, we _____
 - 2 I hardly ever _____
 - 3 Joe often _____
 - 4 This week, I _____
 - 5 At the moment, Paul _____
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- a am staying with my aunt.
 - b gets up early.
 - c is doing his homework.
 - d are watching TV.
 - e listen to the radio.

Choose the correct verbs.

- 1 Every Saturday, I **play** / **am playing** football with my friends.
- 2 Right now, Mark **has** / **is having** breakfast.
- 3 I **like** / **likes** pop music.
- 4 My brother **reads** / **reading** e-books in the middle of the night.
- 5 Julia hardly ever **goes** / **is going** to bed late.
- 6 We **ride** / **are riding** our bikes every weekend.
- 7 This week, I **work** / **am working** in the café.
- 8 Juan doesn't **want** / **wanting** to go to bed.

Choose the correct option
in italics.

- 1 We can't go out because it *shows* / *is showing* today.
- 2 All the players *know* / *are knowing* that the match is tomorrow.
- 3 The supermarket *opens* / *is opening* at 10 o'clock on Sundays.
- 4 My sister *hates* / *is hating* TV programmes about history.
- 5 Oliver often *misses* / *is missing* the bus on Monday mornings.
- 6 Most police officers *wear* / *are wearing* a uniform for work.
- 7 My little brother *grows* / *is growing* very quickly this year.
- 8 My mum *learns* / *is learning* Japanese at the moment.
- 9 The weather *gets* / *is getting* better this month.
- 10 Some people *watch* / *are watching* too much TV.

Reorder the words to make sentences.

- 1 Jerry / his hair / washes / rarely

- 2 lunch / normally / at 1 p.m. / have / we

- 3 now and then / I / tennis / play

- 4 doesn't / to the cinema / Sol / go / often

- 5 Tom / once a week / French / studies

- 6 listen to / music / I / all the time

Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Emilia ¹ goes (go) to a book club with her friends once a month. Each month, someone ² _____ (choose) a book, and then they ³ _____ (discuss) it at the next group. Emilia ⁴ _____ (read) a fantasy novel at the moment. She ⁵ _____ (enjoy) the novel, but she ⁶ _____ (not understand) a lot of it!