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LANGUAGE BANK

GRAMMAR

8.2 Present simple and present continuous

Mario usually	wears	a jacket and tie.
Now he	's wearing	jeans and a T-shirt.

What	do	you	do?	I'm a police officer.
	are		doing?	I'm writing down your number!

Use the present simple to talk about habits or routines.

We often watch DVDs on Friday evenings.

Also use it to talk about things which are always true or true for a long time.

Eva works in the city centre.

Use the present continuous to speak about something happening at this moment.

Sorry, I can't chat now. I'm cooking dinner.



PRESENT SIMPLE VS CONTINUOUS

PRESENT SIMPLE

POSITIVE	I/You/We/They work He/She/It works
NEGATIVE	I/You/We/They don't work He/She/It doesn't work
QUESTION	Do I/you/we/they } work? Does he/she/it }
SHORT ANSWER	Yes, { I/you/we/they do { he/she/it does No, { I/you/we/they don't { he/she/it doesn't

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

POSITIVE	I am working You/We/They are working He/She/It is working
NEGATIVE	I'm not working You/We/They aren't working He/She/It isn't working
QUESTION	Am I } working? Are you/we/they } Is he/she/it }
SHORT ANSWER	Yes, { I am { You/We/They are { He/She/It is No, { I'm not { You/We/They aren't { He/She/It isn't

Express general truths

E.g. It rarely rains in the desert.

Indicate present habits

E.g. The birds return to the island every morning.

Indicate permanent states

E.g. I like the new James Bond film.

Describe actions happening now

E.g. She is reading a newspaper upstairs.

Describe future arrangements (informal)

E.g. She's getting married on 3 November.

Express temporary states

E.g. She's working at the museum until the end of this month.