

PRESENT SIMPLE VS. PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Present simple / Present continuous

1 Tick (✓) the correct column for each time expression.

	Habitual	Now
every week	✓	—
1 always	—	—
2 today	—	—
3 often	—	—
4 at the moment	—	—
5 this evening	—	—
6 on Sundays	—	—
7 every year	—	—

2 Write sentences using the present simple or present continuous.

he / often / go / on holiday / in August

He often goes on holiday in August.

1 we / listen / to music / at the moment

2 I / not play / football / on Wednesdays

3 Sara / not watch / TV / now

4 you / usually / eat / a sandwich for lunch?

5 it / rain / at the moment?

6 what / you / do / now?

3 Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs.

We go to the cinema every Sunday. (go)

1 I _____ French on Tuesdays and Thursdays. (study)

2 Linda _____ at the moment. (sleep)

3 Mr and Mrs Jones _____ now. (leave)

4 My mum always _____ early. (get up)

Present simple or Present continuous

1 Underline the time expressions. Write present simple or present continuous for the verb form.

Joe is speaking French at the moment.

present continuous

1 They often go to the cinema at the weekend

2 We are going to a concert now.

3 She always cooks lunch on Sundays.

4 I'm painting my room today.

5 You drive to work twice a week.

6 I watch TV on Sunday evenings.

2 Use the words to write sentences. Use the present simple for habits (H) and the present continuous for actions in progress now (N).

Clare / watch / TV / in the evenings (H)

Clare watches TV in the evenings.

1 Grandad / sit / in the garden / at the moment (N)

2 they / listen / to music / at the moment (N)

3 John's dad / go / to work / on Saturdays (H)

4 we / not watch / TV / now (N)

5 Emily / not play / tennis / today (N)

6 she / usually / get up / at 7 a.m. (H)