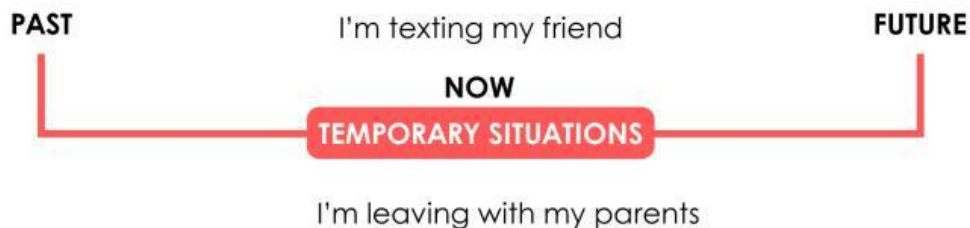


# PRESENT SIMPLE & CONTINUOUS

## PRESENT CONTINUOUS

We use the **present simple** for a regular activity.

She usually leaves the house at 8 a.m.



## PRESENT SIMPLE

And we use the **present continuous** for now, today, around this time or for temporary situations.

Today she's leaving the house at 7.30 a.m.



### WATCH OUT FOR

Some 'state' verbs are traditionally only used in the simple tense,

e.g. like, love, hate, see, know, believe.

However, when these words are in the present continuous is a very informal use.

e.g. the McDonald's advert /'m loving it.



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## Question words with the present continuous

Question words go before the verb be.

| question word | be  | subject | verb        |
|---------------|-----|---------|-------------|
| What          | are | you     | doing?      |
| Where         | are | they    | going?      |
| Who           | is  | she     | talking to? |

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1. Can you use the laptop in a minute? I **'m writing** / **write** an email.
2. I **'m getting** / **get** a new mobile phone every twelve months.
3. Every time **you're clicking** / **click** on this link, an advert comes on the screen.
4. Can you be quiet? I **'m watching** / **watch** a film on my laptop.
5. Smile and say 'Cheese!' I **'m taking** / **take** a photo!
6. I **'m usually checking** / **I usually** check my emails when I wake up.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete the questions with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

How many message \_\_\_\_\_ (send) every day on your phone?

I can hear a noise \_\_\_\_\_ your phone \_\_\_\_\_ (ring)?

Which website you \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) the most?

\_\_\_\_\_ Harriet \_\_\_\_\_ (play) video games at the moment?

5 What apps \_\_\_\_\_ you often \_\_\_\_\_ (use)?

Why \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (take) your tablet to school today?



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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the grammar box. Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs.

1. Tom usually \_\_\_\_\_ (stream) music in the evenings, but today he \_\_\_\_\_ (study) for an exam.
2. Louisa normally \_\_\_\_\_ (do) a daily vlog, but her webcam, \_\_\_\_\_ (not work) today.
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ (cycle) to school this week, but they usually \_\_\_\_\_ (walk)
4. I normally \_\_\_\_\_ (love) art club, but I \_\_\_\_\_ (not enjoy) it today.

## present simple and present continuous

**A** Use the present simple for a regular activity.

Her lesson usually **finishes** at five thirty.

**B** Use the present continuous for now, today, around this time or for temporary situations.

Today her lesson's **finishing** at six.



**INSTRUCTIONS:** Choose the correct answer, A, B or C.

1. Callum \_\_\_\_\_ tennis every day, but he's not playing today because he's ill.  
A doesn't play      B plays      C isn't playing
2. Mrs Crew \_\_\_\_\_ us today because our teacher is ill.  
A is teaching      B teach      C teaches
3. Tom \_\_\_\_\_ with his aunt this week. His parents are on a business trip.  
A is staying      B stays      C staying
4. Jack usually \_\_\_\_\_ home for lunch. Today he's having lunch with his friends.  
A is going      B are going      C goes
5. My mum usually \_\_\_\_\_ us to school, but today we're walking to school.  
A drive      B drives      C 's driving



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