

Unit 8

I am doing (present continuous) and I do (present simple)

A

Jack is watching television.
He is *not* playing the guitar.
But Jack has a guitar.
He often plays it and he plays very well.
Jack **plays** the guitar,
but he **is not playing** the guitar now.



Is he **playing** the guitar? **No, he isn't.** (present continuous)
Does he **play** the guitar? **Yes, he does.** (present simple)

B

Present continuous (I am doing) = now, at the time of speaking:

I'm doing

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| <i>past</i> | <i>now</i> | <i>future</i> |
| ☐ Please be quiet. I'm working . (<i>not</i> I work)
☐ Tom is having a shower at the moment. (<i>not</i> Tom has)
☐ Take an umbrella with you. It's raining .
☐ You can turn off the television. I'm not watching it.
☐ Why are you under the table? What are you doing ? | | |

C

Present simple (I do) = in general, all the time or sometimes:

I do

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| <i>past</i> | <i>now</i> | <i>future</i> |
| ☐ I work every day from 9 o'clock to 5.30.
☐ Tom has a shower every morning.
☐ It rains a lot in winter.
☐ I don't watch TV very often.
☐ What do you usually do at weekends? | | |

D

We do *not* use these verbs in the present continuous (I am -ing):

like	want	know	understand	remember
prefer	need	mean	believe	forget

Use only the present simple with these verbs (I **want** / **do you like**? etc.):

- ☐ I'm tired. I **want** to go home. (*not* I'm wanting)
☐ 'Do you **know** that girl?' 'Yes, but I **don't remember** her name.'
☐ I **don't understand**. What **do** you **mean**?

8.1 Answer the questions about the pictures.

1  I'm a photographer. Does he take photographs? <u>Yes, he does.</u> Is he taking a photograph? <u>No, he isn't.</u> What is he doing? <u>He's having a bath.</u>	2  I'm a bus driver. Is she driving a bus? Does she drive a bus? What is she doing?
3  I'm a window cleaner. Does he clean windows? Is he cleaning a window? What is he doing?	4  We are teachers. Are they teaching? Do they teach? What do they do?

8.2 Complete the sentences with **am/is/are** or **do/don't/does/doesn't**.

- Excuse me, do you speak English?
- 'Where's Kate?' 'I know.'
- What's funny? Why you laughing?
- 'What your sister do?' 'She's a dentist.'
- It raining. I want to go out in the rain.
- 'Where you come from?' 'Canada.'
- How much it cost to stay at this hotel? Is it expensive?
- Steve is a good tennis player, but he play very often.

8.3 Put the verb in the present continuous (**I am doing**) or the present simple (**I do**).

- Excuse me, do you speak (you/speak) English?
- 'Where's Tom?' ' He's having (he/have) a shower.'
- I don't watch (I/not/watch) TV very often.
- Listen! Somebody (sing).
- Sarah is tired. (she/want) to go home now.
- How often (you/use) your car? Every day?
- 'Excuse me, but (you/sit) in my seat.' 'Oh, I'm sorry.'
- I'm sorry, (I/not/understand). Can you speak more slowly?
- It's late. (I/go) home now.
(you/come) with me?
- What time (your father / finish) work every day?
- You can turn off the radio. (I/not/listen) to it.
- 'Where's Paul?' 'In the kitchen. (he/cook) something.'
- Mark (not/usually/drive) to work. He
..... (usually/walk).
- Sue (not/like) coffee. (she/prefer) tea.

→ Additional exercises 8-9