

LOOK CAREFULLY TO THE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION. CAN YOU NOTICE THE DIFFERENCES? WHICH ONES?

PRESENT SIMPLE VS CONTINUOUS – MEANING

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PRESENT SIMPLE

Habits. Regular actions or situations

- ⇒ I **wash** my hair every day.
- ⇒ He usually **gets up** very early.

Facts, permanent situations or states

- ⇒ I **have** one brother. He **lives** in Paris.
- ⇒ Water **boils** at 100 degrees.

With stative verbs*

- ⇒ Give me the money. I **need** it now.
- ⇒ What happened? You **look** sad.

Future timetabled events

- ⇒ The train **leaves** at 4.
- ⇒ The exams **start** next Monday.

SIGNAL WORDS: *Always, never, often, sometimes, every day, once a month, etc.*

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Actions in progress 'now'/'around now'

- ⇒ I can't talk. I'm **brushing** my teeth.
- ⇒ I'm **reading** a new book. I love it!

Temporary actions or situations

- ⇒ I'm **going** to work by bus this week.
- ⇒ I'm **living** with my cousins until I find an apartment.

Changing or developing situations

- ⇒ The climate **is changing** very quickly.
- ⇒ Your English **is improving**.

Future actions that are decided

- ⇒ I'm **meeting** John this evening.
- ⇒ We **are leaving** tomorrow at 7 a.m.

SIGNAL WORDS: *Now, at the moment, these days, this week/month, etc.*

***Verbs of the senses:** hear, see, smell, look, seem, sound. **Opinion:** believe, consider, like, love, hate, prefer, think, etc. **Possession:** have, own, belong, etc. **Also:** agree, be, depend, need, mean, remember, realise, recognise, seem, want, etc.

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