

GRAMMAR DISCOVERY WORKSHEET

Present Simple vs. Present Continuous

Name: _____ Group: _____

Read the sentences carefully.

1. Mrs Lam usually does the cooking in her family.
2. At the moment, she is watching her favourite TV programme.
3. Her husband often helps her with the housework.
4. Today, he is preparing dinner for the family.

1. Which sentences describe habits or regular activities?

A.	Sentences 1 and 2
B.	Sentences 1 and 3
C.	Sentences 2 and 4
D.	Sentences 3 and 4

2. Which sentences describe actions happening now or around the present time?

A.	Sentences 1 and 2
B.	Sentences 1 and 3
C.	Sentences 2 and 4
D.	Sentences 3 and 4

3. What time expressions are used in sentences 1 and 3?

A.	now, today
B.	usually, often
C.	at the moment, today
D.	every day, now

4. What time expressions are used in sentences 2 and 4?

A.	usually, often
B.	every day, often
C.	at the moment, today
D.	always, usually

5. Look at the verbs in sentences 1 and 3. What do you notice about their forms?

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6. Look at the verbs in sentences 2 and 4. What do you notice about their forms?

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What can you discover?		
Tense	Use	Form
Present Simple		
Present Continuous		

Work with your group and discuss your answers.