

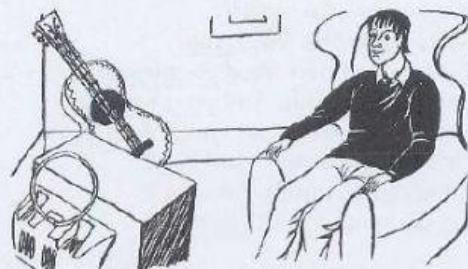
I am doing and I do (present continuous and present simple)

A

Jim is watching television.
He is *not* playing the guitar.

But Jim has a guitar.
He often plays it and he plays very well.

Jim **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

past ————— NOW ————— future

- Please be quiet. **I'm working.** (*not 'I work'*)
- Tom **is having** a shower at the moment. (*not '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

past ————— NOW ————— future

- 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** television very often.
- What **do** you usually **do** at the weekend?

D

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

like	love	want	know	understand	remember	depend
prefer	hate	need	mean	believe	forget	

Use the present simple only 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?

EXERCISES

UNIT
8

8.1 Answer the questions about the pictures.



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| 1 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 Is she driving a bus? | Does she drive a bus? |
| What is she doing? | |
| 3 Does he clean windows? | Is he cleaning a window? |
| What is he doing? | |
| 4 Are they teaching? | Do they teach? |
| What do they do? | |

8.2 Put in am/is/are or do/don't/does/doesn't.

- Excuse me, do you speak English?
- 'Where's Ann?' 'I don't know.'
- What's funny? Why are you laughing?
- 'What does your sister do?' 'She's a dentist.'
- It is raining. I don't want to go out in the rain.
- 'Where do you come from?' 'Canada.'
- How much did it cost to phone Canada?
- George is a good tennis player but he doesn't 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) television very often.
- Listen! Somebody is singing (sing).
- Sandra is tired. She wants (she/want) to go home now.
- How often do you read (you/read) a newspaper?
- 'Excuse me but will you sit (you/sit) in my place.' 'Oh, I'm sorry.'
- I'm sorry, I don't understand (I/not/understand). Can you speak more slowly?
- It's late. I'm going (I/go) home now.
- What time do your father and I finish (your father / finish) work in the evenings?
- You can turn off the radio. I'm not listening (I/not/listen) to it.
- 'Where's Paul?' 'In the kitchen. He's cooking (he/cook) something.'
- Martin usually walks (not/usually/drive) to work. He usually walks (usually/walk).
- Sue doesn't like (not/like) coffee. She prefers (she/prefer) tea.

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