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	SIMPLE PRESENT	VS	PRESENT CONTINUOUS
USE	<p>We use the <b>simple present</b> to talk about routines and things that are permanent or happen all the time.</p> <p><i>I control access to the site.</i> <i>She works for the cement supplier.</i></p>		<p>We use the <b>present continuous</b> to talk about things that take place at the time of speaking, and are temporary (not permanent).</p> <p><i>We're visiting the site.</i> <i>He's walking through the gate.</i></p>
EXPRESSIONS	<p>We use <b>adverbs of frequency</b> (e.g. <i>always, usually, often, sometimes, never</i>) or <b>frequency expressions</b> (e.g. <i>every week, every day, once a week, three times a month</i>, etc.) with the simple present to describe how often somebody does something or how often something happens.</p> <p><i>We usually have about 100 people on site.</i> <i>Sometimes we work in a consortium.</i></p>		<p>We use <b>time expressions</b> like <i>now, right now, at the moment</i>, for actions in progress, and expressions like <i>today, this morning, this week, this month, this semester, this year, these days</i>, etc. for temporary actions. Also, expressions like "Look!" or "Listen!".</p> <p><i>I'm busy. I'm drawing a floor plan right now.</i> <i>We're working for another firm this month.</i></p>

**ACTIVITY.** Martin is giving information about people's roles on site. Write the correct verb forms to complete the text using SIMPLE PRESENT or PRESENT CONTINUOUS.

We \_\_\_\_\_ (1. have) around 100 people on site every day. Today, most people \_\_\_\_\_ (2. work) on the basic structure of the building. The people in green jackets over there are concrete finishers from DKI Cement, the cement supplier. On this project, they \_\_\_\_\_ (3. supervise) the unskilled laborers, who are all local people. Of course, there are always a lot of heavy equipment operators. They \_\_\_\_\_ (4. handle) the cranes, the cement mixers, the cement pumps, and so on. The drivers \_\_\_\_\_ (5. bring) in fresh loads of cement several times a day. Over there, a couple of painters \_\_\_\_\_ (6. paint) the staircase and walls, and the electricians \_\_\_\_\_ (7. repair) one of the generators.

**Martin** (a character in the bottom right corner holding a clipboard and a pencil)