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Present Simple VS Present Continuous Tense

Present Simple S+V1

in general (regularly, often, never)

Colin plays football every Tuesday.

present actions happening one after another

First Colin plays football, then he watches TV.

Present Continuous S+is/am/are+Ving

right now

Look! Colin is playing football now.

also for several actions happening at the same time

Colin is playing football and Anne is watching.

Signal words

- always
- every ...
- often
- normally
- usually
- sometimes
- seldom
- never
- first
- then

- at the moment
- at this moment
- today
- now
- right now
- Listen!
- Look!

Note: The following verbs are usually only used in Simple Present:

be, have, hear, know, like, love, see, smell, think, want

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Directions: Complete the sentences with Present simple or Present Continuous Tense.



This is Mrs White. She (be) a primary school teacher.

She *teaches* (teach) English, Maths and Geography.

At the moment, she (teach) Maths.

She (live) in London and (be)

married to Georges, who is French. They (have) three children. They

all (love) animals, but they (not have) any pets

because they (live) in an apartment. Mrs White (speak)

French as well as English, but she (not teach) it.

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Mrs White's niece Sophie (stay) with the Whites for a few days.

Sophie (live) and (study) in Liverpool, but

she (enjoy) her mid-term break in London at the moment.

She (plan) to do some serious shopping and sightseeing.



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Mrs White's son Arnold (not like) shopping,

but he (love) hanging out with friends.

They usually (go) to the local park where

they (play) football or basketball.

Today, however, Arnold (not play) football or basketball;

he (skateboard).

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Mr White (work) for a multinational company. He (not work)

today, however, because he (not feel) well. He phoned in sick.