

SIMPLE PRESENT VS. PRESENT PROGRESSIVE

TASK A. Place the expressions or signal words in the correct column. Follow the example:

always
now
usually

every...
never
frequently

in this moment
right now
look!

sometimes
listen!
normally

today
often
rarely

seldom
at the moment
this morning

Simple present		Present progressive	
always			

TASK B. Fill in the gaps with an appropriate “Signal Word”. You can repeat the signal words. Follow the example:

LOOK!	USUALLY	TODAY	OFTEN	NEVER
SOMETIMES	LISTEN!	RIGHT NOW	ALWAYS	EVERY DAY

- Alice practices guitar everyday.
- Mary is not working _____.
- Henry is _____ late.
- _____, the cat is eating its food.
- You _____ drink coffee in the morning.
- Amanda _____ reads books.
- He is going to school _____.
- I _____ listen to music.
- _____, they are singing.
- My friends are playing _____.
- She is cooking rice _____.
- Peter works in a bank _____.
- The baby _____ drinks milk.
- Anne is opening the windows _____.

TASK C. Place the signal word in brackets in the correct gaps:

- _____ We _____ play _____ games _____ after _____ classes. (ALWAYS)
- _____ I _____ am _____ talking _____ to _____ you _____. (LISTEN!)
- _____ She _____ is _____ watching _____ TV _____. (RIGHT NOW)
- _____ We _____ are _____ going _____ to _____ the _____ cinema _____. (TODAY)
- _____ He _____ does _____ his _____ homework _____. (FIRST)
- _____ She _____ studies English _____ two _____ hours _____. (EVERY DAY)
- _____ Charles _____ is _____ standing _____ at _____ the _____ corner _____. (LOOK!)
- _____ My friend _____ is _____ playing _____ soccer _____. (AT THE MOMENT)
- _____ It _____ is _____ beautiful _____ to _____ see _____ a _____ child _____ smile. (ALWAYS)
- Where _____ are _____ you _____ going _____ ? (NOW)

TASK D. Using the words, write sentences in **simple present** and **present progressive**. Don't forget to use a **signal word**!:

1. I / go / cinema / with my brother.

S. Present: I always go to the cinema with my brother.

Pr. Progressive: I am going to the cinema with my brother now.

2. She / sleep / in the house.

S. Present: _____.

Pr. Progressive: _____.

3. He / listen to / rap music.

S. Present: _____.

Pr. Progressive: _____.

4. The dog / eat / food / in the garden .

S. Present: _____.

Pr. Progressive: _____.

5. We / cook / rice / kitchen.

S. Present: _____.

Pr. Progressive: _____.

6. Philip / study / English.

S. Present: _____.

Pr. Progressive: _____.

7. My mother / work / in a hospital.

S. Present: _____.

Pr. Progressive: _____.

8. The president / travel / to London.

S. Present: _____.

Pr. Progressive: _____.

TASK E. Write the correct tense in the brackets. Use **present simple** or **present progressive**:

Harold Black's a famous pianist. He _____ (9: give) two or three concerts every week. He _____ (10: travel) a lot and this week he's in New York. He _____ (11: stay) at an expensive hotel. He's at his hotel now. He _____ (12: have) his breakfast in the dining-room. He _____ (13: drink) a cup of coffee and he _____ (14: read) a newspaper. Harold's always very busy. He _____ (15: play) the piano regularly. He _____ (16: practise) for four hours every day. He _____ (17: go) to bed late and he always _____ (18: get up) early. But he sometimes _____ (19: get) dressed too quickly, and this morning he _____ (20: wear) one blue sock and one red one!

TASK F. Describe the picture using the **simple present** or **present progressive** with the words in brackets:



1 _____



2 _____



3 _____



4 _____

TASK G. Write the verb in brackets in the correct tense **simple present** or **present progressive**. Check the signal word:

1. She usually (cook) _____ on Fridays.

2. My parents (work) _____ in this moment.

3. Listen! My brother (play) _____ the piano.

4. I never (go) _____ to school by bus.

5. Mary always (speak) _____ in English.

6. They (eat) _____ right now.

7. We (listen to) _____ music every day.

8. Charles (sleep) _____ in the afternoons.

9. Look! The baby (walk) _____.

10. The girls (have) _____ a new place to play.