UNIT 1

PRESENT SIMPLE AND CONTINUOUS

Present simple

- The present simple has two forms.

I, you, we, they	*get, study, watch, go*	
he, she, it	+ **-s**	*gets*
	or + **-es**	*watches, goes*
	or **-y** + **-ies**	*studies*

- We use ***do/does not*** + verb to make negatives.
  I, you, we, they ***don't*** *get, study, watch, go*
  he, she, it ***doesn't*** *get, study, watch, go*
- We use ***do/does*** + verb to make questions.
  Do *I, you, we, they* *get, study, watch, go?*
  Does *he, she, it* *get, study, watch, go?*
- We use the present simple:
  - for things we do regularly.
    I ***walk*** *to school with a friend every day.*
    My sister ***doesn't go*** *to the sports club very often.*
    What do *you* ***do*** *on Sundays?*
  - for facts.
    We live *near my grandparents.*
    The weather ***doesn't get*** *very cold here.*
  - for verbs called **state verbs** (we don't normally use these verbs in a continuous tense) which describe what we think and feel.
    believe, hate, know, like, love, mean, need, own, prefer, understand, want
    Mike ***knows*** *the answer to your question.*
    Alice ***doesn't understand*** *what you want.*
    I ***don't remember*** *your address.*
    What does *this word* ***mean?***
    Do *you* ***like*** *this club?*
    Does *your teacher* ***own*** *a sports car?*

Practice

1 **Complete the sentences with the verbs in the present simple.**

1 ..... (you / prefer) volleyball or basketball?
2 Angelo never ..... (choose) sandwiches for lunch because he ..... (not like) bread.
3 We ..... (not see) our cousins very often because they ..... (live) in America.
4 Where ..... (he / go) after school?
5 We ..... (not want) to hang out with Marc.
6 Sara ..... (not play) football but she ..... (watch) it on TV.
7 ..... (they / understand) the questions?
8 Emma ..... (study) French and Spanish.

Present continuous

- We use ***am, are, is*** + ***-ing*** to make the present continuous.

I	***am ('m)***	***playing***
you, we, they	***are ('re)***	***working***
he, she, it	***is ('s)***	***helping***

- We use ***'m not, aren't, isn't*** to make negatives.

I	***'m not***	***working***
they	***aren't***	***helping***
she	***isn't***	***playing***

- We use ***am, are, is*** to make questions.

Am	*I*	***helping?***
Are	*you*	***working?***
Is	*he*	***playing?***

- We use the present continuous:
  - for something that's happening now.
    We're doing *our homework.* (= we're in the middle of it now)
  - for something temporary around now.
    I'm ***helping*** *my dad* ***in his office this week.***
    (= I don't help him every week)
  - for future plans.
    They're ***playing*** *table tennis after school.* (= they plan to play table tennis)

Practice

2 **Complete the sentences with the verbs in the present continuous.**

1 I ..... (cycle) to the beach with some friends next weekend.
2 My brother ..... (not watch) sport on TV this week because of his exams.
3 **A:** What ..... (you do) at the moment?
  B: We ..... (watch) a nature film because we ..... (study) insects at school this term.

3 **Choose the correct form of the verbs.**

(1) I sit / I'm sitting on the bus with my friends. **(2) We go / We're going** to the match in London. Our team **(3) plays / is playing** in the final this afternoon, so we're very excited. Our team **(4) doesn't play / isn't playing** in the final very often, but this season **(5) they play / they're playing** really well. **(6) We all believe / We're all believing** they can win. After the match **(7) we have / we're having** dinner in London. **(8) I want / I'm wanting** to go to a restaurant near the stadium but **(9) they get / they're getting** very busy on match days, so **(10) we eat / we're eating** at a place in another part of the city.

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