

# Present Simple

	Affirmative	Negative
I/We/You/They	speak English.	do not (don't)
He/She/It	speaks English.	does not (doesn't)

Yes/No questions			Short answers
Do	I/we/you/they	speak English?	Yes, I/we/you/they do.
Does	he/she/it		No, he/she/it does not (doesn't).

We use the Present Simple for

- facts which are always true: *The sun **rises** in the east.*
- routines and habits: *I often **walk** to school.*

Adverbs, eg *always, sometimes, often, never* show the frequency of an activity.

## Spelling for third person s

- For most verbs, add *s*:  
*I smile → she **smiles***
- After *-s, -x, -z, -ch, -sh, -go* and *-do*, add *es*:  
*we watch → he **watches***  
*they go → it **goes***
- After consonant + *y*, change *y* to *i*, add *es*:  
*you fly → it **flies***  
*they go → it **goes***
- After vowel + *y*, add *s*:  
*we play → she **plays***
- Remember *have* becomes *has*.

## Present Continuous

Affirmative	Negative	
I am ('m)	am not ('m not)	eating dinner now.
We/You/They are ('re)	are not (aren't)	
He/She/It is ('s)	is not (isn't)	

Yes/No questions	Short answers
Am I	Yes, I am. No, I am ('m) not.
Are we/you/they	Yes, we/you/they are. No, we/you/they are not (aren't).
Is he/she/it	Yes, he/she/it is. No, he/she/it is not (isn't).

We use the Present Continuous for

- temporary situations: **I'm working** in Paris at the moment.
- changing situations: **My English is getting better.**
- things which are happening now: **I'm reading** a book.

Time expressions like *now, these days, at the moment* show the activity is happening now or around now.

### Spelling

- After most verbs, add *-ing*:  
*go* → **going**, *sleep* → **sleeping**
- After one vowel + one consonant, double the consonant and add *-ing*:  
*sit* → **sitting**
- Verbs ending with consonant + *e*, remove the *e* and add *-ing*:  
*leave* → **leaving**
- Verbs ending with *ie*, change *ie* to *y* and add *-ing*:  
*die* → **dying**

**Choose the present simple or present continuous - it could be positive, negative or question.**

- 1) You \_\_\_\_\_ (not/like) chocolate.
- 2) She \_\_\_\_\_ (not/study) at the moment.
- 3) We often \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the cinema.
- 4) He usually \_\_\_\_\_ (not/do) his homework.
- 5) They \_\_\_\_\_ (not/eat) rice every day.
- 6) We \_\_\_\_\_ (not/study) every night.
- 7) \_\_\_\_\_ (you/like) spicy food?
- 8) \_\_\_\_\_ (she/go) to Scotland often?
- 9) \_\_\_\_\_ (he/eat) now?
- 10) We \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the cinema this weekend.

**Choose the present simple or present continuous for each gap below.**

1 **A:** We \_\_\_\_\_ to the cinema tonight. **B:** \_\_\_\_\_ to the cinema?

- a. are going / Do you often go
- b. go / Do you often go
- c. are going / Are you often going

2 **A:** What time \_\_\_\_\_ this afternoon? **B:** I don't know. We \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow.

- a. does the train leave / leave

b. does the train leave / are leaving

c. is the train leaving / leave

3 **A:** \_\_\_\_\_ ? **B:** Yes, but I \_\_\_\_\_ to quit.

a. Are you smoking / try

b. Do you smoke / try

c. Do you smoke / 'm trying

4 **A:** I \_\_\_\_\_ on holiday two or three times a year. **B:** That's great! And where \_\_\_\_\_ this year?

a. go / do you go

b. 'm going / do you go

c. go / are you going

5 I think it's better to stay. It \_\_\_\_\_ and we \_\_\_\_\_ an umbrella.

a. 's raining / don't have

b. rains / don't have

c. 's raining / aren't having