

Present continuous and present simple



It's my birthday today, Bella ...

No cards! No presents!

Nobody loves me!

1

Let's play football in the park.

2

I can't come. I'm busy.

But it's Saturday! We always go to the park on Saturdays!

3

Well, we aren't going today!

Why?

4

Because we're having a party!
We always have a party on your birthday!

5

Happy birthday!

8 Complete the tables.

Present simple

He plays football every day.
We stay at home on Sundays.
She always breakfast at eight o'clock.

Time expressions

every day, on Sundays, at weekends,
always, usually, sometimes, once a week

Present continuous

He playing football at the moment.
We're at home today.
She's having breakfast right now.

Time expressions

now, right now, at the moment, today,
this week, these days

9 Read the information.

We use the **present simple**:

- for things that happen regularly.
They watch TV every day.
- for things that are always or usually true.
He works in London.

We use the **present continuous**:

- for things that are happening now.
They're watching TV at the moment.
- for temporary situations.
He's working in London this week.

Stative verbs

- We usually use the **present simple**, not the **present continuous**, for these verbs: *believe, forget, hate, have (= have got), hear, know, like, love, need, remember, think, understand, want*
I like pop music. ✓
~~*I'm liking pop music.*~~
What do you want? ✓
~~*What are you wanting?*~~

10 Look and write.

Every Monday afternoon



- Beth usually does her homework on Monday afternoons. (do)
Today she 's going to the dentist. (go)
- Harry usually for TeenLink on Monday afternoons. (write)
Today he for a test. (study)
- Peter and Lucy usually their rooms on Monday afternoons. (tidy)
Today they an art gallery. (visit)
- Sophie usually the piano on Monday afternoons. (play)
Today she TV. (watch)

Today



11 Complete with the present simple or present continuous.

- Peter and Lucy are watching TV at the moment. (watch)
- We to the cinema every week. (not go)
- The baby right now. (not sleep)
- We usually our grandparents on Sundays. (visit)
- What's that noise? the violin again? (Lucy / play)
- Ben his new shoes today. (wear)
- her room every day? (Emma / tidy)
- today? (your father / work)
- I my teeth three times a day. (brush)
- the house on Saturdays? (your mother / clean)

12 Complete the questions with one word. Write true answers.

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| 1 | Do | you live near your school? | Yes, I do. / No, I don't. |
| 2 | Is | your teacher speaking right now? | Yes, she is. / No, she isn't. |
| 3 | | your friends visit you on Sundays? | |
| 4 | | it raining at the moment? | |
| 5 | | your best friend speak French? | |
| 6 | | your teacher drive a car? | |
| 7 | | you listening to music? | |
| 8 | | you like pop music? | |

Writing practice

13 Read and complete.

Hi Izumi

Today is Sunday and I'm at home. My family and I usually ¹ go (go) out for a meal on Sunday but not today. The weather is very good so we ² (have) a barbecue in the garden! Our friends Harry and Beth are here, too. They usually ³ (spend) Sunday with their family but today they ⁴ (have) lunch with us. At the moment, they're in the garden with Peter. They ⁵ (help) Dad with the barbecue. Mum ⁶ (wash) the salad and I ⁷ (make) the lemonade – well, I ⁸ (not make) it right now because I ⁹ (write) to you! What ¹⁰ (you / do) today?

Love
Lucy

14 Write.

It's Wednesday and you are on holiday with your family.

Write a postcard to a friend. Write about what you usually do on Wednesdays and what you are doing today. Use these ideas to help you.

Usually on Wednesdays
have an English lesson
visit my grandmother
go to work
go to college

Today
sit on the beach
swim
play handball
read a magazine

Hi!

Today is Wednesday. On Wednesdays, I usually

My mum usually

My dad

My brother/sister

But today we're on holiday! I

My mum

My dad

My brother/sister