

Present simple and Present Continuous

A Drag the meaning to the correct sentence.

1. She's learning at home this term.
A. This happens **every day**
2. Andrew rides his bike at the weekend.
B. This is happening **now**
3. 10 million people live in Portugal.
C. This is a **future plan**
4. I don't have tea for breakfast.
D. This is a **routine** activity.
5. Monica often eats dinner late.
E. This is a **fact**.
6. Tiago isn't going to the beach on Saturday.
F. This is a sentence about **frequency**.
7. Are you reading this worksheet?
G. This is a **state**, an emotion or action that is happening but you can't see.
8. Do you understand the present tenses?
H. This is a **temporary situation** – it's true now, but not all the time.

Present Simple

10 million people **live** in Portugal.

Subject + Verb

Andrew **rides** his bike at the weekend.
Monica often **eats** dinner late

Subject + Verb+S

I **don't have** tea for breakfast.

Subject + DO NOT + Verb

Do you **understand** the present tenses?

DO + Subject + Verb?

Present Continuous

She's **learning** at home this term.

Subject + BE + Verb+ING

Tiago **isn't going** to the beach on Saturday.

Subject + BE+NOT + Verb+ING

Are you **reading** this worksheet?

BE + Subject + Verb+ING?

B Fill in the gaps with the verbs in brackets in present simple or present continuous.

1. Lunch is ready. Where's Sarah?

She _____ (have) a quick shower. She'll be here in a minute.

2. In Portugal people _____ (speak) Portuguese, except for our English teacher, Andrew, who only _____ (speak) English.

3. I _____ (do) an exercise about the difference between present simple and present continuous at the moment.

4. He usually _____ (go) for a game of snooker in the evenings.

5. They often _____ (drink) a whisky after dinner.

6. What's Janet doing these days? She _____ (do) a Masters at University.

7. José never _____ (go) away on holiday because he _____ (not like) travelling.

8. Mary's son hardly ever _____ (wash) the dishes. He's so lazy!

9. We _____ (have) a party today. _____ (you/want) to come?

10. If you leave the ice cream out of the freezer it _____ (become) liquid.

11. Listen! Someone _____ (play) the guitar.

12. What _____ (your husband/do)? He's an engineer.

13. Q: What _____ (you do)? A: Nothing. I am in bed. I am sick.

14. Joana _____ (not work) today.