

# PRESENT SIMPLE

**PRESENT SIMPLE** Use it for:

**-Habits, routines:**

I go to school every day.

**-Preferences:** She likes milk.

**-Always true facts:**

The sun rises in the east.

**TIME EXPRESSIONS:**

**-Adverbs of frequency:** always/  
Usually/often/hardly ever/never

**On:** On Mondays, on Sundays..

**Every:** Every (day, Sunday,  
week, summer, year...)

# PRESENT CONTINUOUS

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Use it for:

**-What you are doing now:**

I'm eating an apple.

**-Temporary activities.**

Mary is learning to drive.

**TIME EXPRESSIONS:**

**-Now/right now**

**-At present/at the moment**

**-Imperatives.** Look! Listen!

**-This:** I'm learning French **this**  
year

**-These:** I'm staying with my  
sister **these** days.

# PAST SIMPLE

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**Finished actions in the past.**

-I went to Paris last summer.

-She visited Tom yesterday.

-She didn't visit Ann yesterday

**TIME EXPRESSIONS:**

**-Yesterday**

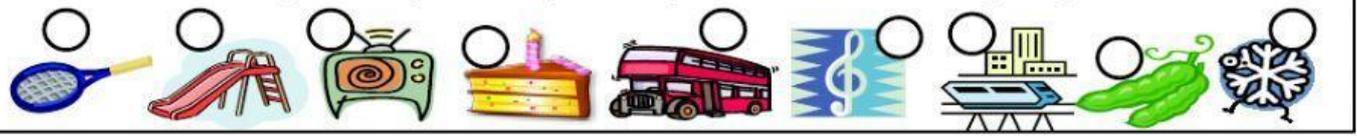
**-Ago:** ten minutes ago, four  
weeks ago, ten year ago, etc.

**-Last:** last Friday, last week,  
last month, last year, etc.

**EXERCISE 1** Fill the gaps using: present simple/present continuous/past simple. Match the pictures.



- 1-She \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) at the cinema yesterday.
- 2-I \_\_\_\_\_ (play)tennis now.
- 3-Look! It \_\_\_\_\_ (snow)
- 4-It often \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) in Scotland.
- 5-Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the park yesterday.
- 6-Carol \_\_\_\_\_ (not like) coffee.
- 7-Tim \_\_\_\_\_ (not read) a book last month.
- 8-I \_\_\_\_\_ (eat)a sandwich last night.
- 9-Listen!Somebody \_\_\_\_\_ (sing)
- 10-We \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) tea. Try some!
- 11-Mum \_\_\_\_\_ (make) a cake every Sunday.
- 12-Tina \_\_\_\_\_ (not like) peas.
- 13-I \_\_\_\_\_ (not smile). I'm crying.
- 14-He \_\_\_\_\_ (phone) me two days ago.
- 15-That woman never \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV.
- 16-They \_\_\_\_\_ (dancing) now.
- 17-We \_\_\_\_\_ (not take) the bus yesterday.
- 18-Rob \_\_\_\_\_ (miss)the train last night.



**EXERCISE 2** Fill the gaps with the verbs in brackets. Put them in the correct tense.

I don't usually \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the cinema but yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to see a film. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) fantastic. I \_\_\_\_\_ (cry) a little because the film \_\_\_\_\_ (be)very romantic.  
 Melissa \_\_\_\_\_ (be) with me. She never \_\_\_\_\_ (cry) at the cinema so she \_\_\_\_\_ (not cry) yesterday but she also \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) the film very much.  
 Now I \_\_\_\_\_ (write) to my friend Peter to tell him about it. Peter usually \_\_\_\_\_ (live) here in London, like me but this week he \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Bristol with her aunt because his parents \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in Italy. They \_\_\_\_\_ (go) there last week on business. Peter is one of my best friends. He \_\_\_\_\_ (be) fourteen years old and we go to the same school.  
 Last summer Melissa, Peter and I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Amsterdam on holiday for a week. We really \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a nice time there. We \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) lots of interesting places. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not stay) in a hotel. We \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) at my uncle's house. His name is George. He \_\_\_\_\_ (be) an engineer. He is always very busy but that week he \_\_\_\_\_ (be) on holidays and he \_\_\_\_\_ (take) good care of us. He \_\_\_\_\_ (show) us the city and we \_\_\_\_\_ (like) it very much. I must study now. I \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) French this year as I would like to \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) Paris next summer.