

Present Simple vs Present Continuous

Task 1. Fill in the gaps with the missing words.

-actions right now:

-temporary situations:

-regularly repeated actions

(with adverbs of frequency):

-permanent situations:

-actions in the extended present:

-states (non-action verbs):

-universal/scientific facts:

-changing situations:

Present Simple	Present Continuous
The baby usually sleeps about 20 hours every day.	Be quiet! The baby is sleeping!
I come from Belarus. She doesn't drink coffee.	I'm living in Georgia this month.
It's rainy and I feel sleepy.	I'm reading a new book by Victor Martinovich.
Stress causes high blood pressure	Days are getting longer and nights shorter.

Task 2. In pairs decide which case of using Present Simple/Continuous it is (then check with the answer key at the bottom of the next page)

1. The prices are increasing.
2. I sometimes work at night.
3. I work in IT field.
4. Currently they're living in Batumi.
5. The climate is changing.
6. Gary often goes for a walk after work.
7. I'm writing to provide updates on my projects tasks.
8. How often do you have meetings? - I have them every other day.
9. I'm working on a task related to the new database.
10. This year I'm really working a lot.
11. I love fast food and I want to have a hamburger right now.
12. - What are you doing now? - Nothing, I'm just chilling at home.
13. -What do you do? - I'm a QA engineer.
14. One gets from Minsk to Helsinki faster by plane than by train.
15. The sun rises in the east.

Answer keys: 1) changing situation; 2) regularly repeated actions (with adverbs of frequency); 3) permanent situation; 4) action in the extended present or temporary situation; 5) changing situation; 6) regularly repeated actions (with adverbs of frequency); 7) action right now; 8) regularly repeated action; 9) temporary action or in the extended present; 10) temporary action or in the extended present; 11) state (non-action verbs); 12) action right now; 13) permanent action or a fact; 14) universal fact; 15) scientific fact

Task 3. Translate into English using Present Simple or Present Continuous of the verb in bold.

1. 1. Gary (учится обычно) _____ in the afternoon, but this week he (учится) _____ from morning till evening. **study**

2. Gary and Bob (работают) _____ in IT field. They (работают часто) _____ on customer projects, but currently they (работают) _____ on an internal project for A1QA. **work**

3. Gary (работает обычно) _____ as a developer. He (пишет всегда) _____ code. But on his current project he (работает) _____ as a project manager. **work**

4. I (проводжу обычно) _____ performance testing, but today I (проводжу) _____ new feature testing. **do**

5. I (обычно встречаю) _____ my friends in the city center after work, but this summer I (встречаю) _____ them out of town.

meet with

6. I (читаю редко) _____ science fiction, but currently I (читаю) _____ two science fiction books at the same time. **read**

7. Gary (смотрит всегда) _____ all the matches of the football world cup championship. But these days he (не смотрит) _____ all of them, because he (работает) _____ late in the evenings. **watch, work**

8. We (обычно заканчиваем в срок **meet deadlines**)
_____ on our projects, but this month we (не
успеваем к сроку – **not meet the deadline**)

Task 4. Say 3 things you about yourself which are permanent and 3 temporary (like in the task above).