

PRESENT SIMPLE AND PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Work with a partner. Fill in the empty spaces (1 – 9) with the words from the box.

am is dancing aren't dancing don't dance dances does don't dancing are

When do we use the Present Simple?

Repeated actions /habits:

*e.g. I brush my teeth twice a day,
every morning and every evening.*

To talk about permanent situations:

e.g. My dad works in an office.

To talk about timetables:

e.g. The planes arrives at 10 o'clock.

To talk about general truths:

e.g. In winter the weather is cold and snowy.

When do we use the Present Continuous?

To show that something is happening now:

e.g. I am not brushing my teeth now.

For temporary situations:

*e.g. My dad works in an office, but today he
is working from home.*

For future arrangements:

*e.g. I'm visiting my grandparents this
weekend.*

For actions in progress around the
moment of speaking:

He's studying for his Maths test.

AFFIRMATIVE

Present Simple	Present Continuous
I dance	I am dancing
He/She/ It (1) _____	He/she/It (2) _____
We/ You / They dance	We/ You/ They are dancing

NEGATIVE

Present Simple	Present Continuous
I (3) _____	I'm not dancing
He/She/ It doesn't dance	He/She/ It isn't dancing
We/ You/ They don't dance	We/ You/ They (4) _____

INTERROGATIVE

Present Simple	Present Continuous
Do I dance? Yes, I do. No, I don't.	(7) _____ I dancing? Yes, I am. No, I'm not.
(5) _____ he/ she/ it dance? Yes, he/she/it does. No, he/she/it doesn't.	Is he/she/it (8) _____? Yes, he/she/it is. No, he/she/it isn't.
Do we/you/they dance? Yes, we/you/they do. No, we/you/they (6) _____ .	Are we/ you/ they dancing ? Yes, we/you/they (9) _____. No, we/you/they aren't.

TIME EXPRESSIONS

Present Simple	Present Continuous
always, usually, sometimes often, rarely, never every day/week/month/ year on Mondays/Tuesdays/etc.	(right) now at the moment/ at present today, tonight this weekend/week/ month