Present Simple and Present Continuous

PRESENT SIMPLE

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

■ **Present Simple:** actions that happen regularly.

■ **Present Continuous:** actions that are taking place now. It's also used for future arrangements.

Remember the adverbs of frequency are used before the main verb but after the verb "to be".

Write "s" next to the expression we use with the present simple and "c" next to the ones used with the present continuous.

today | at present | now | every morning | on Sundays

right now | tonight | after lunch | at the moment

every day | in summer | in the evening | next weekend

1 Add suitable time expressions to the following sentences.

1. Peter is listening to music .....
2. My sister is not studying at home .....
3. Sam works in the office till late .....
4. My mother and my aunt are eating in a restaurant .....
5. They go to the disco .....
6. Do you read the newspaper .....?
7. I borrow a book from the library .....
8. Does your sister get up late .....?
9. My neighbour is painting the fence in his garden .....
10. We are going to the cinema .....
11. He is coming back from London .....
12. Who does Peter go out with .....?

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usually ★★★★★★★☆☆☆

often ★★★★★☆☆☆☆☆

sometimes ★★★★☆☆☆☆☆☆

rarely ★★☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

hardly ever ★☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

never ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

2 Write sentences using the prompts. Remember to put the adverbs of frequency in the right place.

1. Peter / go to the park/ often / at the weekend

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2. It/ be / usually/ cold here/ in winter

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3. They / stay / never/ at home/ at the weekend

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4. She /go to bed/ rarely/ after midnight

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5. Tom /ever / play football/ on weekdays?

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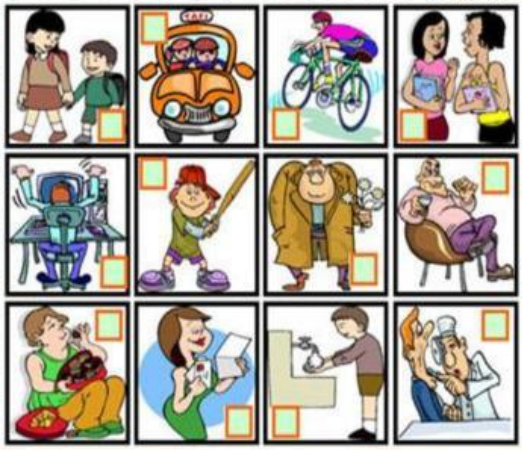

3 Put the verbs in brackets in the present simple or continuous. Then match the sentences to the pictures.

1. Alan ..... (buy) his girlfriend flowers every week.
2. Today Lisa ..... (eat) chocolate because it's her birthday.
3. Fred ..... (play) a baseball match this afternoon.
4. My father ..... (go) to the dentist once a year.
5. My brother ..... (surf) the Internet in the evening.
6. Today Lisa ..... (go) to work by taxi but she usually ..... (go) on foot.
7. Sue and Mary often ..... (talk) about school on their way home.
8. Jim ..... (wash) his hands before every meal.

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4 **Put the verbs in brackets in either the present simple or continuous.**

1. I ..... (**study**) French now.
2. I ..... (**study**) French on Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays.
3. My classmates and I ..... (**do**) an exam at the moment.
4. We sometimes..... (**listen**) to music in class.
5. We ..... (**not listen**) to music right now.
6. Right now, we ..... (**not watch**) a video in class.
7. We sometimes ..... (**listen**) to a dictation in English.
8. We ..... (**like**) our teachers very much.
9. She ..... (**like**) all the subjects but English is her favourite.
10. Where are the boys now? They ..... (**play**) basketball.
11. We ..... (**go**) to school 5 days a week.
12. Listen! Somebody ..... (**come**).
13. My sister ..... (**love**) travelling very much.
14. Paris ..... (**lie**) on the river Seine.
15. We can't play outside. It ..... (**rain**).
16. Please be quiet. I ..... (**study**).
17. Where is Paul? He ..... (**do**) the gardening.



5 **Make questions. Ask about the underlined words.**

1. Bob is looking for **a book** in his locker.
2. Ted is running back home **because it is raining.**
3. Jim likes **reading books**.
4. Peter works as a doctor **in a big hospital**.
5. Bill is having lunch **at the canteen**.
6. Kevin goes to school **with Lisa**.
7. The kids use their computer **every day**.
8. Stella is playing baseball **with her friends**.
9. Tina is putting on her jacket **to go out**.
10. My brother often goes to school **by bike.**
11. The teachers are talking about **their students**.
12. Bill has a bath **before going to bed**.
13. The baby is crying **because he is hungry**.
14. George **brushes his teeth** after every meal.
15. **Karen** takes her dog for a walk after lunch.
16. Laura is **watering the flowers** in the garden now.

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