

Present Simple vs Present Continuous

We use the **present simple** for repeated actions or permanent situations.

Phrases with the Present Simple: *usually, always, often, never, every day, etc.*

Usually



He **usually** drives a car.

We use the **present continuous** for temporary actions or actions happening now.

Phrases with the present continuous: *now, at present, today, at the moment, etc.*



Today he is riding a bike.

1. Put the verbs in brackets into the present simple or the present continuous.

a) **(drink)**

I usually tea. Today I coffee.

b) **(eat)**

He usually lunch at one o'clock. Today he lunch at 2:00.

c) **(read)**

She now. She often in the evening.

d) **(wash)**

Lewis the car at the moment. He usually it every Saturday.

e) **(ride)**

Maria her bike every day. She her bike now.

f) **(wear)**

James and Mike usually jackets but today they T-shirts.

2. Fill in the verbs in the present simple or the present continuous.

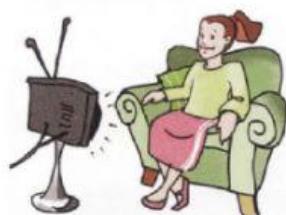
listen watch cook swim read play run eat



Roger usually to music,
but today he the guitar.



They usually dinner,
but today they pizza.



Jennifer usually TV,
but today she a book.



He usually
but today



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3. Put the verbs in brackets into the *present simple* or the *present continuous*.



Olivia usually 1) (wear) T-shirts. In the afternoon, she usually 2) (go) to the park and she 3) (walk) her dog. She often 4) (play) football in the park at the weekend. She usually 5) (eat) apples and oranges for a snack. Today, Olivia is at a party. She 6) (wear) a beautiful dress. She 7) (talk) to her friends now. She 8) (eat) an ice cream. Olivia and her friends 9) (listen) to music. They 10) (have) fun!

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

- a) I (play) tennis every week.
- b) The children (eat) lunch now.
- c) Marla (clean) her bedroom every Saturday?
- d) We (not/watch) TV at the moment.
- e) He (go) to school every day.
- f) I (read) a book now.
- g) They (not/ride) their bikes now.
- h) she (listen) to music at the moment?

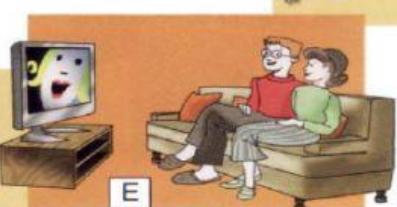
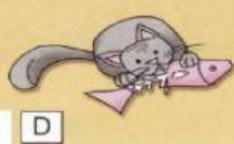
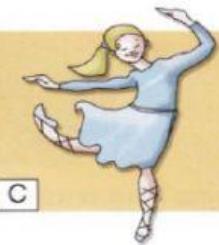
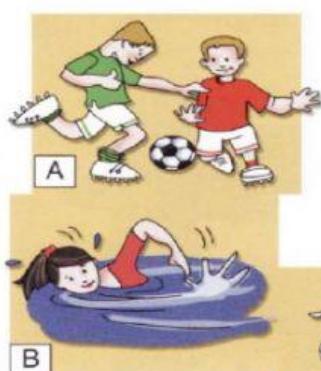
5. Match the sentences with the short answers.

Are you doing your homework?	Yes, they are.
Is it climbing a tree?	No, we aren't.
Are we playing football?	No, it isn't.
Are they reading books?	Yes, she is.
Is she drinking milk?	Yes, I am.

6. Fill in the correct form of the verbs. Then match the sentences to the pictures.

draw go watch swim play eat

- a) Dana dancing on Thursdays.
- b) My brother and I football in the park now.
- c) Keith very good pictures.
- d) Mum and Dad TV at the moment.
- e) Jo in the sea in the summer.
- f) My cat fish every day.



7. Listen and tick the correct picture.

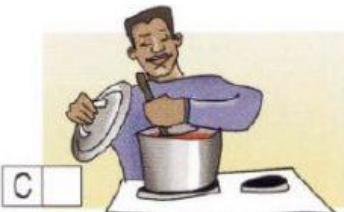
a) What is Rasheed doing?



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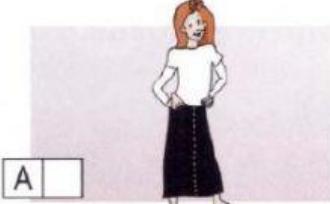


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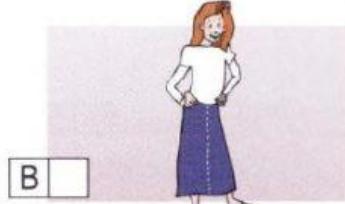


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b) What is Anna wearing?



A



B



C

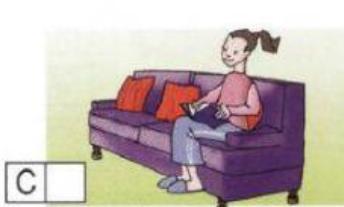
c) Which girl is Angela?



A

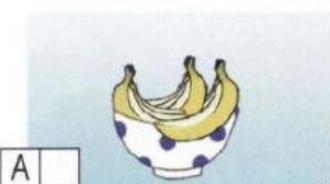


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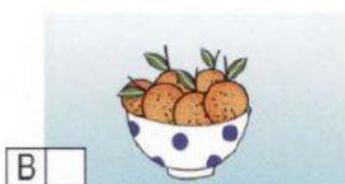


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d) What does Tom like?



A



B



C

8. Match the pictures with the sentences.

Mum walks the dog.

Dad washes the dishes.



Bob feeds the cat.

Grandfather works in the garden.



Barbara waters the flowers.

Grandmother cooks our dinner.



9. Today is Saturday. Look at the pictures and write what each person is doing today.



Bob



Barbara



Grandfather



Mother



Father



Grandmother

10. Read and circle the correct option.

- a) They **live** / **are living** in London.
- b) He **wash** / **washes** his car every Sunday.
- c) I **start** / **am starting** school at 9 o'clock.
- d) We **do** / **are doing** our homework now.
- e) My mum **walks** / **is walking** to work every day.
- f) Rob **likes** / **is liking** pizza.
- g) You **read** / **are reading** a comic now.
- h) The children always **watch** / **are watching** TV at the weekend.
- i) My cat usually **plays** / **is playing** in the garden.
- j) I **wear** / **am wearing** a red dress today.
- k) Pat usually cooks dinner **now** / **in the evening**.
- l) Alex is wearing a blue jacket **today** / **on Mondays**.
- m) Sam drives to work **at the moment** / **every morning**.
- n) They play tennis **on Tuesdays** / **now**.
- o) I always drink milk **today** / **in the morning**.
- p) They are watching TV **at the weekend** / **now**.
- q) Katy walks to school **every day** / **at the moment**.
- r) Emma **plays often** / **often plays** basketball on Fridays.
- s) Mike **is always** / **always is** on time for work.
- t) Mary **always walks** / **walks always** to school.