

PRESENT SIMPLE vs. PRESENT CONTINUOUS

PRESENT SIMPLE	USES
1. Every Sunday Sally (drive) _____ her kids to football practice.	Public timetable
2. As a rule vegetable oils (be) _____ better for you than animal fats.	In time clauses, present simple is used in place of simple future.
3. The show (start) _____ at 7 tomorrow evening.	Habits and routines
4. As soon as the weather (clear up) _____, we'll walk down to the beach and go swimming.	Facts, truth

PRESENT CONTINUOUS	USES
1. _____ you (do) _____ anything at the moment? I need some help with the computer.	Complaints
2. Monica (stay) _____ with her sister for the time being until she finds a flat.	Things happening at the time of speaking
3. Things (get) _____ more and more expensive these days.	Gradual changes
4. We (meet) _____ Francis at the school canteen at 7 tomorrow morning.	Temporary change
5. _ What do you usually have for breakfast? _ I usually have tea and toast but today I (have) _____ cereal for a change.	Fixed plans
6. You (always, borrow) _____ money from me. I won't lend you any more.	Things happening around now.

◆ Note 1:

1. *This pasta (taste) _____ delicious.*
The chef (taste) _____ the pasta at the moment.
2. *She (have) _____ problems with her math teacher at present.*
She (have) _____ a beautiful old house.
3. *You (look) _____ terrible. What's happened?*
He isn't listening. He (look) _____ out of the window.
4. *She (weigh) _____ herself.*
She (weigh) _____ 52 kilograms.

 Note 2:

1. Be + Adv of Frequency e.g. He is never late.
Adv of Frequency + V e.g. He never comes late.
Modal + Adv of Frequency + V e.g. We should never try smoking.
2. State verbs (*emotion, possession, perception*) → NO CONTINUOUS FORM
e.g. John misses his family.
I have a dollar now.
She believes in ghosts.
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Present Simple

- For verbs that end in **-CH, -SH, -SS, -X, -Z**, we add **-ES** in the third person.
e.g. brush → , push → , miss →
fix → , fizz →
- For verbs that end in a **CONSONANT + -Y**, we remove the **-Y** and add **-IES**.
e.g. fly → , deny → carry →
- For verbs that end in a **VOWEL + -Y**, we just add **-S**.
e.g. play → , annoy →

Present Continuous

- Silent –e is dropped
e.g. come → , write → , agree →
argue → , hide → , queue →
- For verbs that end in CONSONANT + VOWEL + CONSONANT, the final consonant is doubled.
e.g. sit → , swim → , listen →
offer → , begin → , visit →
- Lie → , die → , dye →

MORE PRACTICE

Use PRESENT SIMPLE and PRESENT CONTINUOUS

1. 'Where's Jack?' 'He (read) _____ the paper in the kitchen.'
2. Come and eat your dinner. It (get) _____ cold.
3. I'm sorry, but I (not know) _____ where George is at the moment.
4. What _____ you (think) _____ of Jane's new hairstyle? It's unusual, isn't it?
5. Loud music can be really annoying. Some people (not realize) _____ what a nuisance it can be.
6. I (write) _____ in reply to your advertisement in the Daily News.
7. We (have) _____ fun at the club now.
8. This coat (feel) _____ nice and warm.
9. _What's all that noise?
_My neighbor (have) _____ a party.

10. His new CD (sell) _____ very well at the moment.
11. I (regret) _____ to give her the job. She's irresponsible.
12. I bought this dress today. How _____ it (look) _____?
13. Linda rarely (go) _____ to school by bike, but today she (ride) _____ a bike.
14. The latest train (leave) _____ at 10:30 every day.
15. My sister (always borrow) _____ my clothes without asking. It's annoying.
16. Flowers (attract) _____ bees with their brightly-colored petals.
17. She (have) _____ a shower now. She can't talk to you.
18. I think it (get) _____ colder. We'd better take coats.
19. What _____ you (do) _____ this weekend?
20. What's that noise? It (sound) _____ like a helicopter.
21. _ Can you help me?
_ No, sorry Mum. I (study) _____ for a test.
22. _____ it (snow) _____ outside? _ Yes, it is.
23. Oh! I've cut my finger. It (bleed) _____
24. If there (be, not) _____ enough chairs, some people will have to stand.
25. Do phone me when you (arrive) _____ in Palmerston North tomorrow.
26. We (have) _____ a party next Sunday.
27. It's scary. He (hear) _____ strange noise now and then. (*now and then: thỉnh thoảng*)
28. _____ you (listen) _____ to the music? Can I turn it off?
29. I (not, like) _____ her because she (always, complain) _____ about everything.
30. Tomorrow (be) _____ Monday.
31. Don't bother me now. I (write) _____ an important letter.
32. I (think) _____ about grandmother. We hardly ever (visit) _____ her. Let's visit her tomorrow.
33. Traffic (get) _____ worse every year.
34. I (sleep) _____ at my mother's house this week because I (have) _____ my house painted.
35. When _____ you (leave) _____ for Rome? _ Tomorrow at 8:00 a.m.
36. I (think) _____ you should buy him a tie. He (like) _____ to dress formally.
37. Here (come) _____ Kelly. Let's tell her the news.
38. Do you like it here in Cambridge? _ Yes, I (have) _____ a good time. There's so much to see.
39. I'll tell Bob about the meeting as soon as he (arrive) _____
40. My secretary is away for a fortnight, so I (type) _____ my own letters.