

A

Jack is watching television.

He is *not* playing the guitar.

But Jack has a guitar.

He often plays it and he plays very well.

Jack **plays** the guitar,

but he is **not playing** the guitar now.

Is he playing the guitar? No, he isn't. (present continuous)

Does he play the guitar? Yes, he does. (present simple)



B

Present continuous (**I am doing**) = now, at the time of speaking:

I'm doing

past

now

future

- Please be quiet. I'm **working** (*not* I work)
- Tom **is having** a shower at the moment. (*not* Tom has)
- Take an umbrella with you. It's **raining**.
- You can turn off the television. I'm **not watching** it.
- Why are you under the table? What **are** you doing?

C

Present simple (**I do**) = in general, all the time or sometimes:

I do

past

now

future

- I **work** every day from 9 o'clock to 5.30.
- Tom **has** a shower every morning.
- It **rains** a lot in winter.
- I **don't watch** TV very often.
- What **do** you usually **do** at weekends?

D

We do *not* use these verbs in the present continuous (**I am -ing**):

like	want	know	understand	remember
prefer	need	mean	believe	forget

Use only the present simple with these verbs (I **want** / **do you like**? etc.):

- I'm tired. I **want** to go home. (*not* I'm wanting)
- 'Do you **know** that girl?' 'Yes, but I **don't remember** her name.'
- I **don't understand**. What **do** you **mean**?

8.1 Answer the questions about the pictures.

 <p>1 I'm a photographer.</p>	 <p>2 I'm a bus driver.</p>
<p>Does he take photographs? Yes, he does. Is he taking a photograph? No, he isn't. What is he doing? He's having a bath.</p>	<p>Is she driving a bus? Does she drive a bus? What is she doing?</p>
 <p>3 I'm a window cleaner.</p>	 <p>4 We are teachers.</p>
<p>Does he clean windows? Are they teaching? Is he cleaning a window? Do they teach? What is he doing? What do they do?</p>	

8.2 Complete the sentences with **am/is/are** or **do/don't/does/doesn't**.

- 1 Excuse me, **do** you speak English?
- 2 'Where's Kate?' 'I **know**.'
- 3 What's funny? Why **you** laughing?
- 4 'What **your sister** do?' 'She's a dentist.'
- 5 It **raining**. I **want** to go out in the rain.
- 6 'Where **you** come from?' 'Canada.'
- 7 How much **it** cost to stay at this hotel? Is it expensive?
- 8 Steve is a good tennis player, but he **play** very often.

8.3 Put the verb in the present continuous (**I am doing**) or the present simple (**I do**).

- 1 Excuse me, **do you speak** (you/speak) English?
- 2 'Where's Tom?' '**He's having** (he/have) a shower.'
- 3 **I don't watch** (I/not/watch) TV very often.
- 4 Listen! Somebody **sing**. (sing).
- 5 Sarah is tired. **(she/want)** to go home now.
- 6 How often **(you/use)** your car? Every day?
- 7 'Excuse me, but **(you/sit)** in my seat.' 'Oh, I'm sorry.'
- 8 I'm sorry, **(I/not/understand)**. Can you speak more slowly?
- 9 It's late. **(I/go)** home now. **(you/come)** with me?
- 10 What time **(your father / finish)** work every day?
- 11 You can turn off the radio. **(I/not/listen)** to it.
- 12 'Where's Paul?' 'In the kitchen.' **(he/cook)** something.'
- 13 Mark **(not/usually/drive)** to work. He **(usually/walk)**.
- 14 Sue **(not/like)** coffee. **(she/prefer)** tea.