

I am doing (present continuous) and  
I do (present simple)

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

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| <i>past</i>  | <i>now</i> | <i>future</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Please be quiet. I'm <b>working</b> . ( <i>not</i> I work)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Tom <b>is having</b> a shower at the moment. ( <i>not</i> Tom has)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Take an umbrella with you. It's <b>raining</b> .<br><input type="checkbox"/> You can turn off the television. I'm <b>not watching</b> it.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Why are you under the table? What <b>are</b> you <b>doing</b> ? |            |               |

C

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

I do

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| <i>past</i>  | <i>now</i> | <i>future</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I <b>work</b> every day from 9 o'clock to 5.30.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Tom <b>has</b> a shower every morning.<br><input type="checkbox"/> It <b>rains</b> a lot in winter.<br><input type="checkbox"/> I <b>don't watch</b> TV very often.<br><input type="checkbox"/> What <b>do</b> you usually <b>do</b> 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>Does he take photographs? <u>Yes, he does.</u>            Is he taking a photograph? <u>No, he isn't.</u>            What is he doing?  <u>He's having a bath.</u></p>	<p>2  I'm a bus driver.</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>Does he clean windows? .....            Is he cleaning a window? .....            What is he doing? .....</p>	<p>4  We are teachers.</p> <p>Are they teaching? .....            Do they teach? .....            What do they do? .....</p>

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

- Excuse me, do you speak English?
- 'Where's Kate?' 'I ..... know.'
- What's funny? Why ..... you laughing?
- 'What ..... your sister do?' 'She's a dentist.'
- It ..... raining. I ..... want to go out in the rain.
- 'Where ..... you come from?' 'Canada.'
- How much ..... it cost to stay at this hotel? Is it expensive?
- 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**).

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