

# Present Simple vs Present Continuous

English Language Worksheet · 4 exercises · ~25 minutes

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## Grammar Reference

### ⚡ Present Simple

- ▶ Habits & routines
- ▶ General truths / facts
- ▶ Permanent situations
- ▶ With: always, usually, often, never, every day

Subject + V(s/es) /  
do/does + not + V

### ⚡ Present Continuous

- ▶ Actions happening right now
- ▶ Temporary situations
- ▶ Future arrangements
- ▶ With: now, at the moment, today, currently

Subject + am/is/are +  
V-ing

## 1 Choose the correct tense

⇒ Circle the correct form. Use the signal words to help you!

Present Simple

Present Continuous

1. She **(reads / is reading)** a book right now. She loves mystery stories.

2. Every morning, Tom **(walks / is walking)** his dog before school.

3. Look! The children (**play / are playing**) football in the yard.

4. Water (**boils / is boiling**) at 100 degrees Celsius.

5. I can't talk — I (**study / am studying**) for my exam at the moment!

6. Our teacher usually (**gives / is giving**) us homework on Fridays.

## 2 Fill in the blanks

⇒ Put the verb in brackets in the correct tense form.

1. My sister \_\_\_\_\_ (listen)  
to music right now.

2. Dad always \_\_\_\_\_  
(make) pancakes on Sundays.

3. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not / go) to  
school today — it's a holiday!

4. The cat \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep)  
on the sofa at the moment.

5. Birds \_\_\_\_\_ (fly) south  
every winter.

6. Why \_\_\_\_\_ you  
\_\_\_\_\_ (cry)? What  
happened?

## 3 Match the sentences to the rules

⇒ Draw a line or write the correct letter (a–d) next to each sentence.

### Sentences

1 She is talking on the phone.

2 Dogs don't eat vegetables.

3 They are visiting Paris this  
week.

### Rules

a Habit / routine

b General truth / fact

c Action happening NOW

d Temporary situation

4 I always drink coffee in the morning.

Answers: 1 —          2 —          3 —          4 —         

#### 4 Find and correct the mistake

⚠ Each sentence has ONE mistake. Rewrite the correct sentence on the line.

1.  
~~He is going to the gym every Monday.~~

✓ Correct:                                 

2.  
~~They reads books in the library now.~~

✓ Correct:                                 

3.  
~~I am not believing what you say.~~

✓ Correct:                                 

4.  
~~She working hard at the moment.~~

✓ Correct:                                 



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