

We use the **present simple** to talk about ...

- what we do every day:
*I **go** to school. My dad **drives** a taxi.*
- what we always / often / sometimes / never do:
*You **always get** up late on Sundays.*
*Katie **sometimes has** dinner at 6 o'clock.*

We use the **present continuous** to talk about ...

- what we are doing now:
*Jess **is sleeping**. We're **studying** English.*

Practice

1 Choose the correct words.

- 1 It's half past nine, Tommy's at school and *he studies / he's studying*.
- 2 Every day, Jacob *gets up / is getting up* at 7 o'clock.
- 3 My mum's in the bathroom. She *has / is having* a shower.
- 4 Our history teacher always *gives / is giving* us a lot of homework.
- 5 I often *play / am playing* basketball in the park on Sunday.
- 6 Mrs Weston *likes / is liking* her job. She's a doctor.
- 7 The children are in class seven this morning. They *do / are doing* a geography test.
- 8 Marta *doesn't speak / isn't speaking* Russian very well – she never studies!

2 Write questions in the present simple or continuous using *what / doing?* or *what / do?*

0 What does Marco do?

Marco? He works in a café in London.

1 _____

I can't speak! I'm in the cinema!

2 _____

Every Wednesday? She goes to drama club.

3 _____

I'm a teacher. I teach Spanish.

4 _____

I'm hungry! I'm eating my lunch.

5 _____

Carla? She's in the shower.

6 _____

Phillip's a farmer and Julie is a nurse.

7 _____

Ben? His homework, he's in his room.

1 Look at sentences A and B.

A He **helps** people at work every day.
(present simple)

B She's **eating** a big ice cream now.
(present continuous)

Match sentences 1–8 to sentences A and B.

1 He's teaching her how to swim.

2 She isn't playing her guitar now.

3 He drives all over Europe.

4 He sometimes goes to Africa.

5 Today he's trying to catch a fish!

6 She works in a restaurant every evening.

7 She isn't working now.

8 She's taking a photo of Tony.

2 Complete the sentences with **present simple** or **present continuous**.

- 1 We use the to talk about what we do every day.
- 2 We use the to talk about what we always/sometimes/never do.
- 3 We use the to talk about what we are doing now.

3 Complete the conversations with the verbs (in brackets). Use the **present simple** or **present continuous**.

1



Amy: Has your brother got a job?

Dan: Yes, he has. He ¹ _____ (drive) a taxi.

Amy: Really? ² _____ he
_____ (drive) you to school
every day?

Dan: No, of course not!

2



Tom: What does your dad do?

Lee: He ³ _____ (work) in a restaurant.

Tom: That's interesting.

Lee: But he ⁴ _____ (not work) now.
He ⁵ _____ (cook) our dinner.

Tom: Oh, good!

3



Jess: Hi, Millie. It's Jess here. I'm in
Jamaica. What ⁶ _____ you
_____ (do)?

Millie: I'm in bed!

Jess: Oh, sorry! I ⁷ _____ (sit) on the
beach and I ⁸ _____ (eat) a big
ice cream.

Millie: Lovely!



Listen and check.

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Practise the conversations in Exercise 3 with
your partner.

5 What jobs do people in your family do? What do you think they are doing now?



1 Complete the sentences with the verb in brackets in the present continuous or present simple.

- 1 I send emails every day. (send)
- 2 She _____ to drama club on Fridays. (go)
- 3 The waiter _____ every night. (work)
- 4 We never _____ pictures. (take)
- 5 Today we _____ a news story. (write)
- 6 She _____ her guitar now. (not play)

2 Complete the conversation with the verbs in the box in the present continuous or present simple.

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Mario: Hi, I ¹ 'm cleaning the kitchen at the moment!

Julia: I never ² the kitchen! Today
³ for a test!

Mario: I often ⁴ on Saturdays, but
today I ⁵ (not). My dad
⁶ today so I'm helping my
mum. He sometimes ⁷ on
Sundays, but not this weekend!