

Ficha de trabalho nº 4

PRESENT SIMPLE vs PRESENT CONTINUOUS

PRESENT SIMPLE	TIME EXPRESSIONS:
USE: - Permanent situations / facts - Habits / Routines / Timetables - feelings / opinions	always, normally, usually, often, sometimes, rarely, never, every day/morning/year...
AFFIRMATIVE FORM: 3 rd person singular: HE/SHE/IT (John, my father...) General rule +S eg: Mary <i>plays</i> tennis on Mondays. Verbs ending in S/SH/CH/X/O + ES eg: My brother <i>goes</i> to school by bus. Verbs ending in consonant and Y + IES eg: She <i>studies</i> hard every day.	
NEGATIVE FORM: DON'T + verb (infinitive) eg: They <i>don't like</i> Maths. DOESN'T + verb (infinitive) eg: Peter <i>doesn't play</i> the piano.	
INTERROGATIVE FORM: DO + subject + verb (infinitive) eg: <i>Do you like</i> your school? DOES + subject + verb (infinitive) eg: <i>Does she work</i> on Saturdays?	

Exercise 1: Complete the sentences with the **PRESENT SIMPLE** of the verbs in brackets:

- 1 - My sister _____ (**watch**) TV series every day.
- 2 - _____ (**you / spend**) your summer holidays with your friends?
- 3 - I _____ (**not like**) indoor activities.
- 4 - The English teacher _____ (**love**) his job.
- 5 - I _____ (**read**) every night before I _____ (**go**) to bed.
- 6 - Peter _____ (**not have**) many friends.

PRESENT CONTINUOUS	TIME EXPRESSIONS:
USE: - Actions happening now/around now - Temporary situations / near future - To show that something is changing	now, at the moment, at present, this week / year / month, today, tonight, these days...
AFFIRMATIVE FORM: TO BE (AM/IS/ARE) + ING form eg: He is watching a film now. eg: At the moment we are doing our homework.	
NEGATIVE FORM: AM NOT / ISN'T / AREN'T + ING form eg: They aren't having classes this week.	
INTERROGATIVE FORM: AM / IS / ARE + subject + ING form eg: <i>Is he reading</i> that book?	

Exercise 2: Complete the sentences with the **PRESENT CONTINUOUS** of the verbs in brackets:

- 1 - My brother _____ (**play**) video games in his bedroom.
- 2 - _____ (**you / enjoy**) your birthday party?
- 3 - Listen to me! You _____ (**not listen**) to me.
- 4 - Sarah _____ (**help**) her parents with the household chores.
- 5 - I _____ (**listen**) to music now.

Exercise 3: Complete the sentences with one of these verbs in the **PRESENT CONTINUOUS**:

STUDY	DO	NOT WATCH	DRINK	PLAY	NOT RAIN	TALK
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- John _____ on the phone now.
- My parents are in the swimming pool. They _____ a film on TV.
- At the moment, Susan _____ for a test.
- _____ your parents _____ tea?
- We can go to the park. It _____ today.
- Susan is in her room. She _____ her homework.
- I _____ the piano now.

Exercise 4 – Choose the correct option, **PRESENT SIMPLE** or **PRESENT CONTINUOUS**.
Pay attention to the words in bold.

- James **never** _____ (**eats / is eating**) Italian food.
- My sister _____ (**doesn't see / isn't seeing**) her boyfriend **every day**.
- My father _____ (**works / is working**) in his office **now**.
- They _____ (**play / are playing**) football **every weekend**.
- At this moment** I _____ (**listen / am listening**) to my favourite CD.
- We **sometimes** _____ (**spend / are spending**) the weekends in the country.
- My father **usually** _____ (**washes / is washing**) his car on Saturdays.
- Mary and I _____ (**have / are having**) a party **tonight**.
- She _____ (**takes / is taking**) a photograph **now**.
- My father _____ (**doesn't watch / isn't watching**) television **very often**.

Exercise 5 - Complete the sentences with the **PRESENT SIMPLE** or the **PRESENT CONTINUOUS**.

- "Where's John?" "He is in his bedroom. He _____ (study) for the exam.
- I _____ (**work**) everyday from 9 am to 5.30 pm.
- Tom _____ (**not have**) breakfast at home every morning.
- Mark _____ (**spend**) a few weeks with a friend in the city.
- He often _____ (**go**) to the cinema on Saturdays.
- He is a pilot. He usually _____ (**fly**) a plane.
- My father is outside. He _____ (**garden**).
- I _____ (**not watch**) TV very often.
- James _____ (**not like**) pizza. He _____ (**prefer**) vegetarian food.
- Margaret _____ (**have**) a shower at the moment.
- They _____ (**play**) tennis every weekend.
- Mary can't talk to you. She _____ (**have**) dinner now.
- Be quiet! The baby _____ (**sleep**).
- Mark _____ (**not catch**) the bus to school every day.
- Mary usually _____ (**finish**) her day at school at 4.30 p.m.
- Peter _____ (**not do**) the homework now.
- My mother _____ (**not like**) doing physical exercise.
- The students _____ (**work**) hard today.