

PRESENT SIMPLE VS PRESENT CONTINUOUS

We use Present Simple:

- When we talk about things that happen repeatedly or habitually.
Ex. I go to school every day.
- When we talk about permanent or long-lasting situations
Ex. I live in London.
- To indicate general truths, facts and scientific laws
Ex. The sun rises in the east.

| Affirmative |
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| I read |
| We read |
| You read |
| They read |
| He reads |
| She reads |
| It reads |

| Negative |
|-------------------------|
| I don't read |
| We don't read |
| You don't read |
| They don't read |
| He doesn't read |
| She doesn't read |
| It doesn't read |

| Interrogative |
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| Do I read |
| Do we read |
| Do you read |
| Do they read |
| Does he read |
| Does she read |
| Does it read |

We use Present Continuous:

- When we talk about something, which is happening at the time of speaking.
Ex. I'm going to school now.
- When we talk about something which is happening at present, but not necessarily at the moment of speaking:
Ex. Tom is looking for a new job.
- To describe a planned action in the near future
Ex. He is leaving for Moscow tomorrow.

| Affirmative |
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| I am reading |
| He is reading |
| She is reading |
| It is reading |
| We are reading |
| You are reading |
| They are reading |

| Negative |
|-----------------------------|
| I am not reading |
| He is not reading |
| She is not reading |
| It is not reading |
| We are not reading |
| You are not reading |
| They are not reading |

| Interrogative |
|-------------------------|
| Am I reading |
| Is he reading |
| Is she reading |
| Is it reading |
| Are we reading |
| Are you reading |
| Are they reading |

Spelling

In the 3rd person singular (affirmative sentences):

Verbs ending in **-o / -ss / -ch / -sh / -x**, take **-es**.
goes / kisses / watches / washes / fixes

Verbs ending in **consonant + -y**, take **-ies**.
tries / flies

BUT

Verbs ending in **vowel + -y**,
take **-S** plays / says

Signal words: always, every... often, normally, usually, sometimes, seldom, never, on (Mondays), after (school).

Spelling

1) Consonant after a short, stressed vowel at the end of the word
double the consonant.

sit – he is sitting / put – he is putting

2) One **-e** at the end of the word **leave out the -e**.

write – he is writing / take – he is taking **BUT:**

double **-e:** add **-ing** see – he is seeing

3) Verbs ending in **-ie** change 'ie' to 'y'.

lie - he is lying

4) Verbs ending in **-c** change 'c' to 'ck'.

picnic - he is picnicking

Signal words: now, at the moment, Look! Listen!

1) Complete the sentences with Present Simple.

1. Where _____ you _____ (work) ?
2. My Mum _____ in a school (teach) ?
3. Who _____ to school by bus (come) ?
4. Wilma often _____ me a lot (help)
5. Water _____ at 100°C (boil)
6. What _____ you _____ for a living (do) ?
7. We _____ his name (not / know)
8. I _____ to stay on my own (like)
9. He sometimes _____ to the cinema (go)
10. How _____ you _____ there (get) ?
11. Pam usually _____ tennis on Sundays (play)
12. They _____ near the park (not / live)
13. What _____ he _____ (want) ?

2) Put the words in the correct order.

1. am / I / documentary / watching / a _____
2. too / our / speaks / fast / teacher _____
3. every week / ride / school / bike / to / I / my _____
4. freezes / at / water / 0°C _____
5. boy / crossing / the / street / the / is _____
6. a lot / coughing / you / today / are _____
7. like / Sundays / they / visit / to / us / on _____
8. live / a / they / house / very / in / big _____
9. and / are / Jane / Kate / Judo / learning _____
10. raining / it / heavily / is _____
11. fly / when / it / they / kite / is / their / windy _____

3) Fill in the blanks with "Present Simple" or "Present Continuous tense".

1. **Mr Jones usually** _____ (wear) a shirt **and a tie** **but today he** _____ (wear) a t-shirt.
2. On Mondays, I _____ (go) to the swimming-pool with my friends.
3. Stop singing! I _____ (learn) my lessons.
4. Where are the children? They _____ (play) outside.
5. What _____ you _____ (do) now?
6. When _____ he _____ (sing) in a choir this year?
7. Mr Dean _____ (not give) difficult homework.
8. _____ you _____ (listen) to me? Because I _____ (talk) right now.
9. The sun _____ (rise) from the east. Tomorrow we _____ (fly) to Moscow.

4) Put the verb into the correct form (present continuous or present simple)

1. I _____ (not/ belong) to a political party.
2. Hurry! The bus _____ (come). I _____ (not/ want) to miss it.
3. The River Nile _____ (flow) into the Mediterranean.
4. The river _____ (flow) very fast today – much faster than usual.
5. _____ (it/ snow) in India?
6. **We usually** _____ (grow) vegetables in our garden but this year we _____ (not/ grow) any.
7. A: Can you drive?
B: No, but I _____ (learn). My father _____ (teach) me.

8. You can borrow my umbrella. I _____ (not/ need) it at the moment.

9. I usually _____ (enjoy) parties but I _____ (not/ enjoy) this one very much.

10. George _____ (say) he's 80 years old but I _____ (not/ believe) him.

11. Ron _____ (be) in London at the moment. He _____ (stay) at the Hilton Hotel.

12. Brian usually _____ (live) in some strange place with his family but at the moment they _____ (live) in a house on the coast of Norfolk.

13. Miranda usually _____ (go) to school by bus but today her **father** _____ (take) her because she is late.

14. Tim always . _____ (drink) milk when he is thirsty but now he _____ (not/ drink) milk; he _____ (drink) orange juice.

15. Mrs. Blackwell is generally a quiet woman. She _____ (not/ talk) a lot but now she _____ (ask) Mr. Thomson a lot of questions about the house.

16. Brian usually _____ (do) his homework when he _____ (come) home from school at 4 o'clock. It's now 5 o'clock and he _____ (not/ do) his homework; he _____ (watch) a football match on TV.