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	SIMPLE PRESENT	VS	PRESENT CONTINUOUS
USE	We use the simple present to talk about routines and things that are permanent or happen all the time. <i>I control access to the site. She works for the cement supplier.</i>		We use the present continuous to talk about things that take place at the time of speaking, and are temporary (not permanent). <i>We're visiting the site. He's walking through the gate.</i>
EXPRESSIONS	We use adverbs of frequency (e.g. <u>always</u> , <u>usually</u> , <u>often</u> , <u>sometimes</u> , <u>never</u>) or frequency expressions (e.g. <u>every week</u> , <u>every day</u> , <u>once a week</u> , <u>three times a month</u> , etc.) with the simple present to describe how often somebody does something or how often something happens. <i>We usually have about 100 people on site. Sometimes we work in a consortium.</i>		We use time expressions like <u>now</u> , <u>right now</u> , and <u>at the moment</u> , for actions in progress, and expressions like <u>today</u> , <u>this morning</u> , <u>this week</u> , <u>this month</u> , <u>this semester</u> , <u>this year</u> , <u>these days</u> , etc. for temporary actions. Also, expressions like "Look!" or "Listen!". <i>I'm busy. I'm drawing a floor plan right now. We're working for another firm this month.</i>

ACTIVITY. Martin is giving information about people's roles on site. Write the correct verb forms to complete the text using SIMPLE PRESENT or PRESENT CONTINUOUS.



We _____ (1. *have*) around 100 people on site every day. Today, most people _____ (2. *work*) on the basic structure of the building. The people in green jackets over there are concrete finishers from DKI Cement, the cement supplier. On this project, they _____ (3. *supervise*) the unskilled laborers, who are all local people. Of course, there are always a lot of heavy equipment operators. They _____ (4. *handle*) the cranes, the cement mixers, the cement pumps, and so on. The drivers _____ (5. *bring*) in fresh loads of cement several times a day. Over there, a couple of painters _____ (6. *paint*) the staircase and walls, and the electricians _____ (7. *repair*) one of the generators.

