

REVIEW VERB TENSES (PRESENT)

How do we form the Present simple?

Affirmative	I / You / We / They	Read.	
	He / She / It	Reads.	
Negative	I / You / We / They	Do not (don't)	Read.
	He / She / It	Does not (doesn't)	
Interrogative	Do	I / You / We / They	Read?
	Does	He / She / It	

How do we form the Present continuous?

Affirmative	I	am	reading
	He / She / It	is	
	You / We / They	are	
Negative	I	Am not ('m not)	Reading
	He / She / It	is not (isn't)	
	You / We / They	are not (aren't)	
Interrogative	Am	I	Reading?

→ STATIVE AND DYNAMIC VERBS

Verbs which describe **actions**, e.g. *cook, make*, can be used in the present simple or continuous. *I'm making the lunch.* *I usually make the lunch at the weekend.*

Verbs which describe **states** or **feelings** (not actions), e.g. *love, need, be*, are **stative verbs**. They are not usually used in the present continuous, even if we mean "now"

Common stative verbs are *agree, be, believe, belong, depend, forget, hate, hear, know, like, love, matter, mean, need, prefer, realize, recognize, remember, seem, suppose, etc.*

A few verbs have an action and a non-action meaning, e.g **HAVE & THINK**.

I have a cat now. ► HAVE=POSSESSION (stative verb)
I can't talk now. I'm having lunch. ► HAVING=ACTION (dynamic verb)
I think this music is great. ► THINK=POSSESSION (stative verb)
What are you thinking about? ► THINKING=ACTION (dynamic verb)



1) Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

1. We _____ (not go) to Chinese restaurants very often.
2. _____ (you / take) any vitamins at the moment?
3. Don't eat that spinach if you _____ (not like) it.
4. _____ (your boyfriend / know) how to cook fish?
5. We _____ (not get) takeaway pizzas during the week.
6. What _____ (your mother / make)? It smells great!
7. You look sad. What _____ (you / think) about?
8. He _____ (study) at Oxford this semester.
9. I _____ usually _____ (not cook) fish.
10. Why _____ still _____ (you / talk) like a baby at your age?

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2) Choose the correct option.

1. Come on, let's order. The waiter _____.
2. Kate _____ to have dinner now. She isn't hungry.
3. The head chef is ill, so he _____ today.
4. The bill _____ very high to me.
5. We've had an argument, so we _____ to each other at the moment.
6. My mum _____ my diet is awful these days.
7. _____ to go shopping today?
8. Can I call you back? I _____ lunch right now.
9. I didn't use to like oily fish, but now I _____ it!
10. What _____? It smells delicious!

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