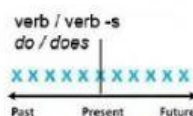


Present Simple

- things which are always true (happen regularly)



always, usually, often etc.

once a year

every day, etc.

- facts, permanent situations, states
Water boils at 100 degrees.

- timetables

The train leaves at 4.

The exams start next Monday.

- with NON-ACTION verbs (states or feelings)

agree, remember, believe, want, love, hate, need, etc.

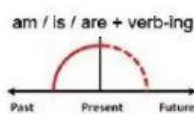
Some verbs can be both ACTION and NON-ACTION:

HAVE *I'm having lunch (action)* **THINK** *I'm thinking about you (action)*

I have a cat (possession)

Present Continuous

- actions in progress at the time of speaking (now or around now)



now, at the moment

- temporary situations

I'm living with my cousin until I find a flat

- future arrangements

I'm meeting John this evening.

We're leaving tomorrow at 7 p.m.

- annoying habits

He is always biting his nails.

a Circle the correct form of the verbs.

Pavel What ¹do you study / are you studying?

Elvira Humanities.

Pavel ²I do / I'm doing Fine Arts. Where

³do you come / are you coming from?

Elvira I'm from Salamanca, in Spain.

Pavel And how many hours of classes ⁴do you have / are you having a week?

Elvira ⁵It depends / It's depending on the week, but usually about 20 hours. ⁶Do you know / Are you knowing about the party tonight?

Pavel ⁷Do you mean / Are you meaning the one for new students? I can't go, because

⁸I get ready / I'm getting ready to move into my flat tomorrow.

Elvira Where ⁹do you live / are you living at the moment?

Pavel ¹⁰I stay / I'm staying in a student hostel.

Elvira What ¹¹do you do / are you doing on Sunday afternoon? If you ¹²want / are wanting, we could meet and look around the city.

Pavel I'm busy in the afternoon, but what about Sunday morning?

Elvira Fine. Where shall we meet?

b Complete the conversation with the correct form of the verbs: present simple or present continuous.

Maggie Hello John, what a surprise! What ¹are you doing (do) here?

John The same as you probably! I ²_____ (buy) a few things for dinner.

Maggie How are things? Are you still working at the same place?

John Yes, but I ³_____ (not like) it very much. My boss ⁴_____ (depend) on me for everything. The worst thing is that she always ⁵_____ (get) the credit and I ⁶_____ (do) all the work!

Maggie That ⁷_____ (sound) terrible. ⁸_____ you _____ (have to) go back to work this afternoon?

John No, I only work until lunchtime on Fridays because I always ⁹_____ (have) lunch with my friend Paula. She ¹⁰_____ (not work) on Fridays, so we usually ¹¹_____ (meet) at that nice little Italian restaurant in town. ¹²_____ you _____ (want) to come?

Maggie I'd love to, but I ¹³_____ (need) to get home. My sister ¹⁴_____ (stay) with us for a few days. Some other time!