

# English



# Grammar

## Language Practice

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## Present simple and Present continuous

Present Simple	Present Continuous
<p>We use the present simple for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>things that we do regularly</li> <li>facts and truths</li> <li>habits</li> <li>permanent situations</li> </ul> <p>We often use adverbs of frequency and time expressions like <b>every day</b>, <b>once a week</b>, <b>on Fridays</b>.</p> <p>Examples:  <b>I check my email every day.</b>    (regular activity)</p> <p><b>Sheryl works at the bank.</b>    (permanent situation)</p> <p><b>Bears hibernate</b> in winter.    (fact)</p>	<p>We use the present continuous for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>things that are happening now</li> <li>– at the time we are speaking,</li> <li>temporary situations</li> <li>activities that are in progress</li> </ul> <p>We often use time expressions like <b>at the moment</b>, <b>today</b>, <b>this week</b>, <b>at the moment</b>, <b>right now</b>, etc.</p> <p><i>Just a minute. I'm checking my email.</i> (now)</p> <p><i>She usually works in London, but she's working from home this week.</i>    (temporary situation)</p> <p><i>I'm studying Economics</i>    (activity in progress, it's not complete)</p>

*With the present simple we say:*

*I play tennis*  
*You play tennis*  
*We play tennis*  
*They play tennis*  
*He/she/ it plays tennis.*

*With the present continuous we say:*

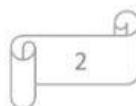
*I am playing tennis*  
*You are playing tennis*  
*We are playing tennis*  
*He/she/ it is playing tennis*

### PRESENT SIMPLE FORM

(TO SPEAK)	AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE	QUESTION FORM
I	speak	don't speak	Do I speak?
YOU (SINGULAR)	speak	don't speak	Do you speak?
HE/SHE / IT	speaks	doesn't speak	Does he speak?
WE/YOU/ THEY	speak	don't speak	Do they speak?

### PRESENT CONTINUOUS FORM

( TO LEARN)	AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE	QUESTION FORM
I	am learning	I'm not learning	Am I learning?
YOU (SINGULAR)	are learning	aren't learning	Are you learning?
HE/SHE / IT	is learning	isn't learning	Is she learning?
WE/YOU/ THEY	are learning	aren't learning	Are we learning?



With the **present simple** we use these frequency adverbs:

(Notice that **the adverb comes before** the main verb in the sentence.)

Always: 'I always **read** before I go to bed.'

Often: 'Her sister often **comes** shopping with us.'

Frequently: 'Michael frequently **visits** his family.'

Sometimes: 'You sometimes **go** to the gym, don't you?'

Occasionally: 'It occasionally **rains** in summer.'

Seldom: 'They seldom **ask** for help.'

Rarely: 'He rarely **goes** out without his backpack.'

Hardly ever: 'I hardly ever **eat** pizza.'

Never: 'Japanese people never **wear** shoes inside.'

## Let's check!

**A. Do we usually use these words in present simple or in present continuous?**  
Write them in the correct group.

every day	now	on Mondays	right now	always
usually	sometimes	at the moment	never	every weekend
present simple	present continuous			
<i>every day</i>				

## Time Expressions we use with the **Present Continuous**

With the present continuous we use these time expressions:

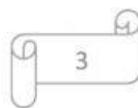
(Notice that the time expression can come at the start or at the end of the sentence.)

At the moment: 'I'm **watching TV**, **at the moment**.'

These days: 'Paul's **living in Cardiff**, **these days**.'

Now: 'What are you **doing now**?'

Nowadays: 'I think you are **eating too much nowadays**.'



## B. Complete the text with the correct verb tense.



This is Mrs White. She ..... (be) a primary school teacher.

She ..... (teach) English, Maths and Geography.

At the moment, she ..... (teach) Maths.

She ..... (live) in London and ..... (be) married to Georges, who is French. They ..... (have) three children. They all ..... (love) animals, but they ..... (not have) any pets because they ..... (live) in an apartment. Mrs White ..... (speak) French as well as English, but she ..... (not teach) it.

Mrs White's niece Sophie ..... (stay) with the Whites for a few days. Sophie ..... (live) and ..... (study) in Liverpool, but she ..... (enjoy) her mid-term break in London at the moment. She ..... (plan) to do some serious shopping and sightseeing.



Mrs White's son Arnold ..... (not like) shopping, but he ..... (love) hanging out with friends. He usually ..... (go) to the local park where he ..... (play) football or basketball.

Today, however, Arnold ..... (not play) football or basketball; he ..... (skateboard).



- Read the text again.
- Check the verb forms.
- Check the time expressions.

✓ Wait for your teacher's feedback.

