

# English



# Grammar

## Language Practice

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## Present simple and Present continuous

<i>Present Simple</i>	<i>Present Continuous</i>
<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</b> my email <b>every day</b>.          (regular activity)</p> <p><b>Sheryl works</b> at the bank.          (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:*

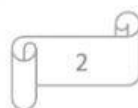
*I am playing tennis*  
*You are playing tennis*  
*We are playing tennis*  
*He/she/it is playing tennis*

### 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	<b>doesn't</b> speak	<b>Does</b> he speak?
WE/YOU/THEY	speak	don't speak	Do they speak?

### PRESENT CONTINUOUS FORM

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

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

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.



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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.**

