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# 8

## LANGUAGE BANK

### GRAMMAR

#### 8.2 Present simple and present continuous

Mario usually	wears	a jacket and tie.
Now he	's wearing	jeans and a T-shirt.

What	do	you	do?	I'm a police officer.
	are		doing?	I'm writing down your number!

Use the present simple to talk about habits or routines.

*We often watch DVDs on Friday evenings.*

Also use it to talk about things which are always true or true for a long time.

*Eva works in the city centre.*

Use the present continuous to speak about something happening at this moment.

*Sorry, I can't chat now. I'm cooking dinner.*



# PRESENT SIMPLE VS CONTINUOUS

## PRESENT SIMPLE

POSITIVE	I/You/We/They work He/She/It works
NEGATIVE	I/You/We/They don't work He/She/It doesn't work
QUESTION	Do I/you/we/they } work? Does he/she/it }
SHORT ANSWER	Yes, { I/you/we/they do { he/she/it does  No, { I/you/we/they don't { he/she/it doesn't

## PRESENT CONTINUOUS

POSITIVE	I am working You/We/They are working He/She/It is working
NEGATIVE	I'm not working You/We/They aren't working He/She/It isn't working
QUESTION	Am I } working? Are you/we/they } Is he/she/it }
SHORT ANSWER	Yes, { I am { You/We/They are { He/She/It is  No, { I'm not { You/We/They aren't { He/She/It isn't

### Express general truths

E.g. It rarely rains in the desert.

### Indicate present habits

E.g. The birds return to the island every morning.

### Indicate permanent states

E.g. I like the new James Bond film.

### Describe actions happening now

E.g. She is reading a newspaper upstairs.

### Describe future arrangements (informal)

E.g. She's getting married on 3 November.

### Express temporary states

E.g. She's working at the museum until the end of this month.