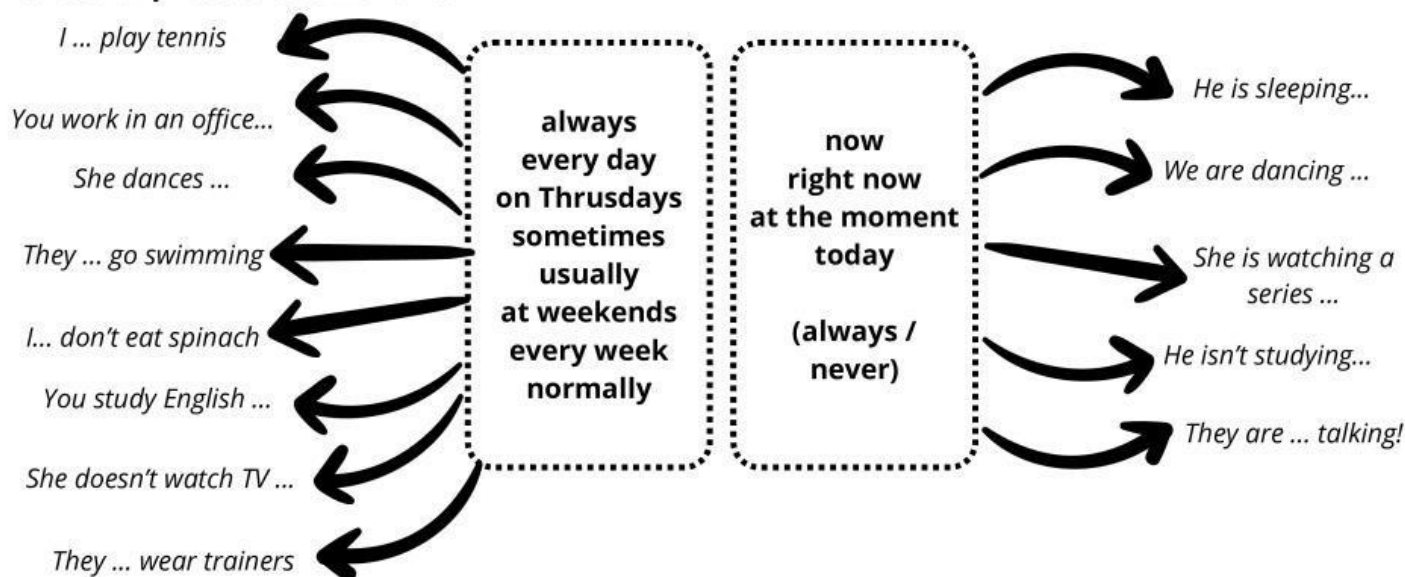


# PRESENT SIMPLE VS. PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Have a look at the following chart with time expressions we use in both tenses. Add the time expressions that you consider appropriate and reflect upon the uses orally. How are these expressions different?



Now, decide if we need to express the following sentences using present simple or present continuous tenses.

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|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Ted                                 | (take) a shower right now.                      |                                      |
| 2. What                                | (we / have) for dinner tonight?                 |                                      |
| 3. My brother                          | (have) a daughter and a son.                    |                                      |
| 4. I                                   | (not / solve) some math problems at the moment. |                                      |
| 5. My grandfather often                | (come) over for dinner at the weekends.         |                                      |
| 6. My school                           | (begin) at nine every day.                      |                                      |
| 7. What time                           | (you / wake up) on weekdays?                    |                                      |
| 8. What                                | (you / do) tomorrow night?                      |                                      |
| 9. I usually                           | (not / work) on Sundays but today I             | (work).                              |
| 10. She                                | (not / sleep) now, she                          | (study).                             |
| 11. How often                          | (she/ review) her lessons?                      |                                      |
| 12. I                                  | (not / go) on holiday this summer.              |                                      |
| 13. Can you speak slowly please, I     | (not / understand) you.                         |                                      |
| 14. She                                | (work) as a secretary in a big company.         |                                      |
| 15. Miss Clara                         | (take) a violin class every Wednesday.          |                                      |
| 16. The sun                            | (shine) but I                                   | (not / have) time to go to the beach |
| 17. Don't forget to take your coat, it | (be) cold outside.                              |                                      |
| 18.                                    | (you/see) those men at the door? They           | (look) at us very strangely.         |
| 19. This flower                        | (smell) so good.                                |                                      |
| 20. That coat over there               | (not / belong) to me.                           |                                      |
| 21. Vegetarians are people who         | (not eat) meat.                                 |                                      |
| 22. Who                                | (sit) in my chair?                              |                                      |
| 23. Why                                | (you/wear) my coat? Oh, I'm sorry. It           | (look) like mine!                    |

## DIALOGUE!

Complete the dialogue using present simple or present continuous:

A: Hey! What ..... (you/do)?

B: I ..... (watch) TV right now. And you?

A: I ..... (study) for my English exam, but it is boring.

B: Oh, I see. How ..... (you/spend) your time these days?

A: Well... Every day, I get up at 8 o'clock and have breakfast while I read my notes. Then, I ..... (like) listening to music and check important e-mails.

B: So, when ..... (we/meet) ?

A: Soon! As soon as I finish with my exams!

## READING!

Read the following text and write the verbs in brackets using the tense that you consider appropriate.

My friend Wugang is a new student from China. Wugang's parents (not know) any English, so he always (speak) Chinese with them. I (love) listening to Chinese and Wugang (teach) me a new word in Chinese every day. Today, Wugang and his parents (prepare) for the Chinese New Year – a very important festival. Chinese people often (wear) red clothes for the festival and they (put) beautiful decorations in their windows. At the moment, Wugang's dad (wash) the floors in their flat because Chinese people always (clean) their homes for the festival. Wugang (not help) his father. He and his mother (make) special cakes for the festival.

## TIME EXPRESSIONS!

Decide which time expression fits best in each of these sentences:

1. We are tidying our room now / every day.
2. We always have showers in the morning / at the moment.
3. He visits his grandparents every year / this year.
4. Eliza is taking a test every week / right now.
5. Do you help in the house on Fridays / this morning?
6. Is he watching television at the moment / in the evening?
7. I am doing my homework this afternoon / every afternoon.
8. They don't go to the market on Tuesdays / this morning.
9. They are having dinner at night / now.
10. I get up at 7 am every day / today.

