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Unit 1: FAMILY LIFE

GRAMMAR

PRESENT SIMPLE vs. PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Remember

- We use the present simple to talk about habits or things we do regularly.

Example: My mother cooks every day.

- We use the present continuous to talk about things which are happening at the moment of speaking.

Example: My mother isn't cooking now.
She's working in her office.

Note: We don't usually use the present continuous tense with stative verbs (like, love, need, want, know, agree, etc.)

Task 1. Choose the correct form of the verb in each sentence.

1. Mrs Lan usually **does / is doing** the cooking in her family.
2. I'm afraid he can't answer the phone now.
He **puts out / is putting out** the rubbish.
3. He **cleans / is cleaning** the house every day.
4. My sister can't do any housework today.
She **studies / is studying** for her exams.
5. My mother **does / is doing** the laundry twice a week.

Task 2. Read the text and put the verbs in brackets in the present simple or present continuous.

Mrs Lam is a housewife. Every day, she (1. do) most of the house work. She cooks, washes the clothes, and cleans the house. But today is Mother's Day. So Mrs Lam (2. not do) any housework. At the moment, she (3. watch) her favourite TV programme. Her children (4. do) the cooking and her husband (5. tidy up) the house. Everybody (6. try) hard to make it a special day for Mrs Lam.