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SIMPLE PRESENT VS. PRESENT CONTINUOUS

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I. Read the differences.

Simple Present

- For:
  - Habits & routines (I eat breakfast at 7 AM.)
  - General truths (Water boils at 100°C.)
- Form:
  - I/You/We/They + base verb (They play soccer.)
  - He/She/It + verb + -s/-es (She watches TV.)

Present Continuous

- For:
  - Actions happening now (I am eating lunch.)
  - Actions these days (He is staying at a hotel this week.)
- Form:
  - am/is/are + verb + -ing (She is reading a book.)

II. Complete with simple present.

1. She _____ **(like)** chocolate.
2. They _____ **(play)** football every Saturday.
3. My brother _____ **(watch)** TV in the evening.
4. We _____ **(go)** to school by bus.
5. The sun _____ **(rise)** in the east.

III. Change to negative sentences.

1. He **eats** vegetables. → _____.
2. They **speak** French. → _____.
3. We **watch** horror movies. → _____.
4. My cat **sleeps** on the sofa. → _____.
5. You **work** on Sundays. → _____.

Common time expressions

Simple present:
always, usually, often, sometimes, rarely, never
every day / week / month / year.

Present continuous:
now, right now, at the moment, this week / month / year, these days.

IV. Complete with present continuous.

1. She _____ **(read)** a book now.
2. They _____ **(play)** football in the park.
3. My brother _____ **(watch)** TV at the moment.
4. We _____ **(have)** lunch right now.
5. The baby _____ **(cry)** because he's hungry.

V. Complete with simple present or present continuous.

1. She usually _____ **(wear)** glasses, but today she _____ **(wear)** contact lenses.
2. They _____ **(not/watch)** TV every night, but they _____ **(watch)** a movie now.
3. My dad _____ **(cook)** dinner on Fridays, but today my mom _____ **(cook)**.
4. The bus _____ **(leave)** at 7 AM, but today it _____ **(run)** late.

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