

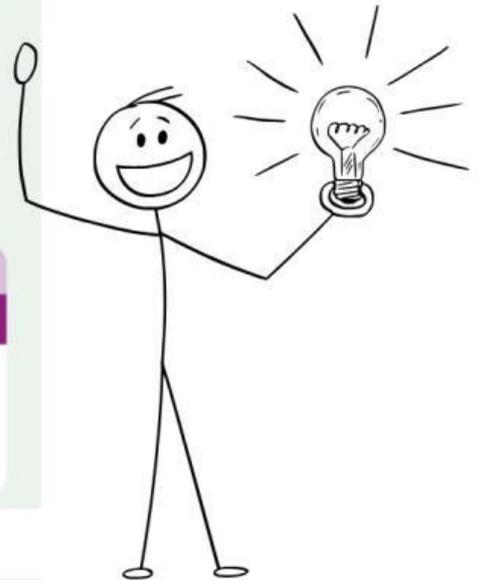
## Present Simple

Affirmative	Negative	
	FULL FORMS	SHORT FORMS
I walk He/She/It walks We/You/They walk	I do not walk He/She/It does not walk We/You/They do not walk	I don't walk He/She/It doesn't walk We/You/They don't walk
Questions	Short Answers	
Do I walk? Does he/she/it walk? Do we/you/they walk?	Yes, I do. Yes, he/she/it does. Yes, we/you/they do.	No, I don't. No, he/she/it doesn't. No, we/you/they don't.

## Present Progressive

Affirmative	
FULL FORMS	SHORT FORMS
I am walking He/She/It is walking We/You/They are walking	I'm walking He/She/It's walking We/You/They're walking

Negative	
FULL FORMS	SHORT FORMS
I am not walking He/She/It is not walking We/You/They are not walking	I'm not walking He/She/It isn't walking We/You/They aren't walking



### Questions

Am I walking?  
Is he/she/it walking?  
Are we/you/they walking?

### Short Answers

Yes, I am.	No, I'm not.
Yes, he/she/it is.	No, he/she/it isn't.
Yes, we/you/they are.	No, we/you/they aren't.

### We use the **Present Simple**:

- for habits or actions that happen regularly.  
*I surf the Net every evening.*
- for permanent states.  
*He lives in New York.*
- for general truths.  
*Tigers don't live in Africa.*
- for an action that takes place according to a schedule.  
*The class finishes at nine o'clock.*

### Time Expressions

usually, always, often, etc.  
every day/week, etc.  
in the morning/spring, etc.  
on Mondays/Monday morning, etc.  
at the weekend, etc.  
once/twice/three times, etc.  
a week/day, etc.

### We use the **Present Progressive**:

- for actions that are happening now, at the moment of speaking.  
*John is talking on the phone at the moment.*
- for temporary states.  
*I'm staying at my cousin's house these days.*
- for future arrangements (we usually mention when).  
*Sue is taking the train to Berlin tomorrow.*

### Time Expressions

now, right now, at the moment  
today, these days, this week/  
year, etc.  
tonight, tomorrow, etc.  
next week/year, etc.

### NOTE:

The **adverbs of frequency** *always, usually, often, sometimes, rarely, never*, usually go before the main verb, but after the verb **be** and the auxiliary verbs (do/does).

*He often orders a club sandwich.*

**but**

*Terry doesn't usually wake up early.*

*Maria is rarely sad.*

## **b** Stative Verbs

**Stative verbs** are **not** normally used in the **Present Progressive**.

### Stative Verbs usually express:

- **senses:** hear, smell, taste, see, etc.
- **emotions:** love, hate, like, prefer, want, etc.
- **thought, knowledge, belief:** think, know, remember, mean, understand, etc.
- various other **states**, such as: be, have (= possess), cost, belong

Some **Stative Verbs** can be used in progressive tenses but with a different meaning.

**see**

*Mary is seeing her grandmother this Saturday.*

**think of/about**

*I'm thinking of going windsurfing at the weekend.*

**have (with words like lunch, breakfast, bath, etc.)**

*He's having lunch now.*

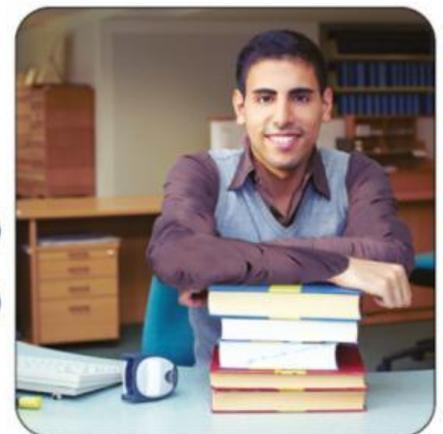
### **NOTE:**

Although the verbs **listen, look, watch** refer to the senses, they are not stative verbs and can be used in the Present Progressive.  
*We're watching a great documentary right now.*

## Activities

### A. Circle the correct words.

Alan Stone (1) **works** / **is working** as a librarian at the Central Library of Brighton. He (2) **is starting** / **starts** work at eight o'clock every day and (3) **doesn't finish** / **isn't finishing** until 3 in the afternoon. He (4) **likes** / **is liking** his job and (5) **is enjoying** / **enjoys** being in a place full of books. However, he's feeling tired at the moment. So, he (6) **is thinking** / **thinks** of going on a trip to France. He (7) **looks** / **is looking** for information about ferries to Calais right now.



**B. Use the prompts to make questions. Then look at the pictures and answer.**



1. Lisa / work / bookshop / ?

*Does Lisa work in a bookshop?*

*No, she doesn't. She works in a*

*shoe shop.*



2. Brian / make sandwich / now / ?

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3. Sally and Frank / wear / T-shirts /  
today / ?

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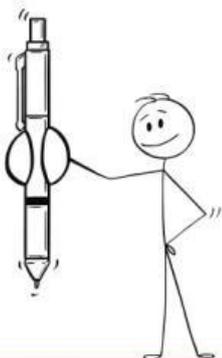
4. People in the UK / drive / on the  
right / ?

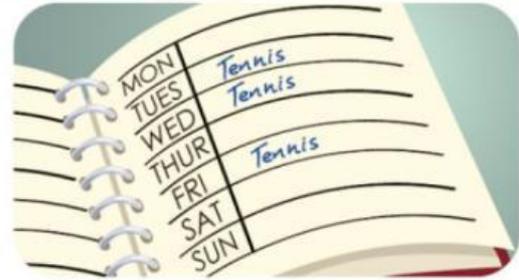
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5. John / learn / Italian / this year / ?

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6. Linda / play tennis / three times a week / ?

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**C. Complete with the Present Simple or the Present Progressive of the verbs in brackets.**

1. A: What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) this weekend?

B: Well, I \_\_\_\_\_ (usually/go) fishing but this weekend I \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) at home because I'm very tired.

2. A: How much \_\_\_\_\_ this belt \_\_\_\_\_ (cost)?

B: I'm afraid I \_\_\_\_\_ (not remember). Wait a minute, please... Erm... It \_\_\_\_\_ (cost) 20 euros.

3. A: Hey, Fred! What's on TV?

B: I \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a documentary about gorillas. It's very interesting.

4. A: How about going shopping tomorrow?

B: I \_\_\_\_\_ (not think) so. I \_\_\_\_\_ (think) of visiting my grandparents tomorrow.

5. A: Where \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (live)?

B: We \_\_\_\_\_ (live) near the school but these days we \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) at our aunt's because my dad \_\_\_\_\_ (paint) the house.



