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Unit 1: GRAMMAR

FAMILY LIFE

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 STATIC VERBS (LIKE, LOVE, NEED, WANT, KNOW, AGREE, ETC.).

2. READ THE TEXT AND PUT THE VERBS IN BRACKETS

Mrs Lam is a housewife. Every day, she (1. do) _____ most of the housework. 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.

1. CHOOSE THE CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB

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.