



Present Simple v Present Continuous Forms

Present Tense Use

The present simple and the present continuous tenses have very different forms.
Let's review them.

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AFFIRMATIVE

Present Simple	Present Continuous
I walk You walk He walks She walks It walks We walk They walk	I am walking You are walking He is walking She is walking It is walking We are walking They are walking

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NEGATIVE

Present Simple	Present Continuous
I don't walk You don't walk He doesn't walk She doesn't walk It doesn't walk We don't walk They don't walk	I'm not walking You aren't walking He isn't walking She isn't walking It isn't walking We aren't walking They aren't walking

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QUESTIONS

Present Simple	Present Continuous
What do I cook? What do you cook? What does he cook? What does she cook? What does it cook? What do we cook? What do they cook?	What am I cooking? What are you cooking? What is he cooking? What is she cooking? What is it cooking? What are we cooking? What are they cooking?

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Be very careful with the verb “do” in question form because the meaning completely changes in the present simple tense.

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WHAT DO YOU DO?

This means “what is your profession/job?”



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WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

This means right now, which activity are you doing?



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SHORT RESPONSES

Present Simple		Present Continuous	
Yes, I do Yes, you do Yes, he does Yes, she does Yes, it does Yes, we do Yes, they do	No, I don't No, you don't No, he doesn't No, she doesn't No, it doesn't No, we don't No, they don't	Yes, I am Yes, you are Yes, he is Yes, she is Yes, it is Yes, we are Yes, they are	No, I'm not No, you aren't No, he isn't No, she isn't No, it isn't No, we aren't No, they aren't