



Present Simple v Present Continuous

Common Mistakes



Present Tense Use

Let's take a look at the typical mistakes that English learners make in the present simple and present continuous tenses.

Present Tense Use



He's loving it!

Many English learners use the present continuous tense with stative verbs, but we should use the present simple tense instead.

Present Tense Use



He loves it!



Present Tense Use



We are don't play football

Many English learners want to use the verb “to be” too much. We only use the verb “to be” as an auxiliary verb in the present continuous tense.

Present Tense Use



We don't play football



Present Tense Use



I study French these days

English learners tend to use the present simple tense to talk about an action happening now in the present time, but processes should be in the present continuous tense.

Present Tense Use



I am studying French
these days



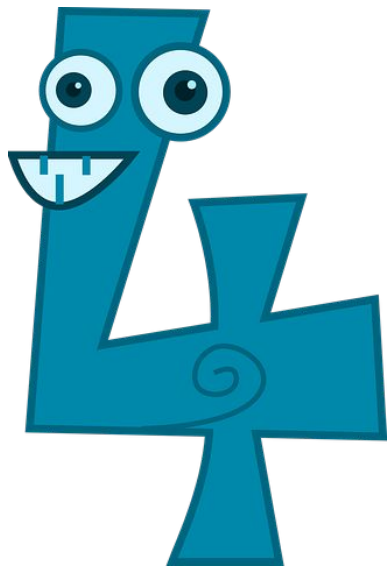
Present Tense Use



The dog rests now

English learners want to use the present simple tense to talk about an action happening at the same time as speaking, but this should be the present continuous tense.

Present Tense Use



The dog is resting now

