



TO USE THE PRESENT TENSES



Present Simple v Present Continuous

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AFFIRMATIVE (WALK)

Present Simple	Present Continuous
I You He She It We They	I You He She It We They

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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 (WALK)

Present Simple	Present Continuous
DO NOT + infinitive	BE (neg) + ING
I	I
You	You
He	He
She	She
It	It
We	We
They	They

Present Simple v Present Continuous

NEGATIVE (WALK)

Present Simple	Present Continuous
DO NOT + infinitive I don't walk / do not 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	BE (neg) + ING I am NOT walking/ I'm not ... 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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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 (COOK)

Present Simple	Present Continuous
I You He She It We They	I You He She It We They

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QUESTIONS (COOK)

Present Simple	Present Continuous
Do I cook? Do You cook? Does He cook? Does She cook? Does It cook? Do We cook? Do They cook?	Am I cooking? Are You cooking? Is He cooking? Is She cooking? Is It cooking? Are We cooking? Are They cooking?

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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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WHAT DO YOU DO?

What is your profession?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

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SHORT RESPONSES

Present Simple		Present Continuous	

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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

Present Simple v Present Continuous

What are the uses of the present simple tense?

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The present simple tense has five main

Present Simple Use	Example Sentences
Personal Information	My name is Hannah. I am 27 years old.
Facts and Truths	The world is round. The capital of England is London.
Habits	I play tennis every Saturday. I go to school every day.
Future Events	She has English class tomorrow. The restaurant opens at 7pm tonight.
Stative Verbs	Want, think, feel, love

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What are the uses of the present continuous tense?

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The present continuous tense has five uses.

Present Simple Use	Example Sentences
Right Now	I am teaching you. You are reviewing the present continuous tense.
Process	I'm studying to become a teacher. I am learning English.
Before and After	At 7am I'm normally having a shower. I'm usually watching TV when my husband arrives home.
Future Events	My mum is visiting me on Sunday. We're having a party next weekend.
Change in State	The children are growing up so quickly. People are using emails instead of writing letters.

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What is the difference in meaning?

Present Simple	Present Continuous
At 7am I have a shower	At 7am I am usually having a shower

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The present simple tense tells us about a daily routine that happens almost 100% of the time, it's a habit.

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At 7am I have a shower	At 7am I am usually having a shower

The present continuous tense is more flexible. Firstly, it means that it doesn't happen 100% of the time, it is less regular (e.g. 80% of the time).

Present Simple v Present Continuous

Present Simple	Present Continuous
At 7am I have a shower	At 7am I am <u>usually</u> having a shower

Additional words such as **usually, normally, often** and **typically** are used in the present continuous tense to reinforce this flexibility.

Present Simple v Present Continuous

Present Simple	Present Continuous
At 7am I have a shower	At 7am I am usually having a shower

Secondly, the time is flexible too in the present continuous tense. “At 7am” also means a little bit before and a little bit after (e.g. 6.55am or 7.10am).

Present Simple v Present Continuous

What is the difference in meaning?

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She has English class tomorrow The restaurant opens at 7pm tonight	My mum is visiting me on Saturday We're having a party this weekend

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She has English class tomorrow The restaurant opens at 7pm tonight	My mum is visiting me on Saturday We're having a party this weekend

We use the present simple to talk about future events that are scheduled with a set timetable or are pre-planned and organised.

Present Simple v Present Continuous

Present Simple	Present Continuous
She has English class tomorrow The restaurant opens at 7pm tonight	My mum is visiting me on Saturday We're having a party this weekend

We use the present continuous to talk about future events that have no specific schedule and that involve other people in the event.

Present Simple v Present Continuous

We cannot say “**I’m liking this chocolate**”
because like is a stative verb.

Instead, we must use the present simple
tense “**I like this chocolate**”.



Review



Present Simple v Present Continuous



He's loving it!

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He loves it!



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We are don't play football

Present Simple v Present Continuous



We don't play football



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I study French these days

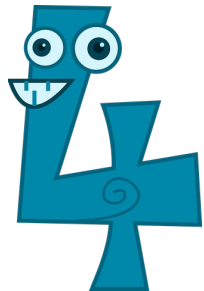
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I am studying French
these days



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The dog rests now

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The dog is resting now



Present Tense Use

Present Simple	Present Continuous
Always Normally Usually In the summer / winter Every day / year / month	Always Normally Usually Constantly Forever Still Now / even now This month / season / year At this time / moment Any longer / no longer / no more

Present Tense Use

As you can see, some keywords can be used in both tenses, but be careful with their meaning.

Present Tense Use

Take this example in the present simple tense

He always has a shower



Present Tense Use

This has a positive meaning, it is a good and healthy thing that he has a shower.

He always has a shower



Present Tense Use

But now take this example in the present continuous tense

He is always having a shower



Present Tense Use

Now this has a negative feeling. He uses all the hot water, he takes up the bathroom.

He is always having a shower





Practice 1

Correct these sentences

Present Simple v Present Continuous

- 1) She is needing a shopping bag
- 2) What do you do? I'm washing the car at the moment.
- 3) Do you are happy?
- 4) I watch a good TV series at the moment.
- 5) The train is leaving at 5pm tonight.
- 6) He constantly tells me to tidy my room. It's very frustrating!
- 7) I am having 3 younger brothers.
- 8) He is wishing for a good grade
- 9) Do you like taking photos? Yes, I am.
- 10) Which event do you go to tomorrow?

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She is needing a shopping bag.

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She is needing a shopping bag.

She needs a shopping bag.

Present Simple v Present Continuous

What do you do? I'm washing the car at the moment.

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What do you do? I'm washing the car at the moment.

What are you doing? I'm washing the car at the moment.

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Do you are happy?

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Do you are happy?

Are you happy?

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I watch a good TV series at the
moment

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I watch a good TV series at the
moment

I am watching a good TV series at
the moment.

Present Simple v Present Continuous

The train is leaving at 5pm tonight.

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The train is leaving at 5pm tonight.

The train leaves at 5pm tonight.

Present Simple v Present Continuous

He constantly tells me to tidy my room. It's very frustrating!

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He constantly tells me to tidy my room. It's very frustrating!

He is constantly telling me to tidy my room. It's very frustrating!

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I am having 3 younger brothers.

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I am having 3 younger brothers.

I have 3 younger brothers.

Present Simple v Present Continuous

He is wishing for a good grade.

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He is wishing for a good grade.

He wishes for a good grade.

Present Simple v Present Continuous

Do you like taking photos? Yes, I am.

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Do you like taking photos? Yes, I am.

Do you like taking photos? Yes, I
do.

Present Simple v Present Continuous

Which event do you go to
tomorrow?

Present Simple v Present Continuous

Which event do you go to
tomorrow?

Which event are you going to
tomorrow?



Practice 2

It's conversation time!





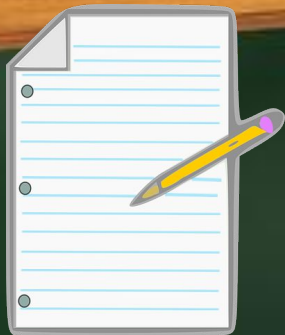
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REVIEW



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HOMEWORK

COMPLETE THE QUIZ

Link:

<https://virtually-fluent.com/quizzes/present-simple-v-present-continuous-quiz/>