

Present Simple

Use Present Simple to talk about “all the time” and routines. (Facts and habits)

How **do** you **stay** in shape?

I **walk** everywhere.

Do you **exercise** regularly?

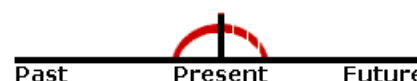
Yes, I **do**. I **exercise** six days a week.

No, we **don't**. We **don't exercise** at all.

Present Continuous

Use 1:

Use **Present continuous** to talk about “now”



• I **am sitting**.

• I **am not standing**.

• You **are learning** English now.

• What sports **are** you **playing** these days?

I **am doing** karate. It's **getting** me in shape.

Present Continuous

The structure of the present continuous tense is:

Subject + Auxiliary verb + main verb

be + (base + ing)

	subject	auxiliary verb		Main verb	
+	I	Am		Speaking	To you.
+	You	Are		Reading	This.
-	She	Is	Not	Living	In London.
-	We	Are	Not	Playing	Football.
?	Is	He		Watching	TV?
?	Are	they		Waiting	For john?

Use 2:

Use **Present continuous** to talk about **temporary events**. Longer Actions in Progress Now



- I **am studying** to become a doctor.
- I **am not studying** to become a dentist.
- I **am reading** the book *Tom Sawyer*.

- **Is** she **trying** to lose weight?

Yes, she **is**. She's **drinking** diet drinks.

No, she's **not**. She's **not trying** to lose weight.

USE 3: Near Future



I **am visiting** my grandparents next Friday.

I **am not working** next week.

Are you **playing** football this weekend?

Non-Continuous Verbs

Abstract Verbs

to be, to want, to cost, to seem, to need, to care, to contain, to owe, to exist... **Possession Verbs**

to possess, to own, to belong, to have...

Emotion Verbs

to like, to love, to hate, to dislike, to fear, to envy, to mind...

Examples:

He **is needing** help now. *Not Correct*

He **needs** help now. *Correct*

He **is wanting** a drink now. *Not Correct*

He **wants** a drink now. *Correct*

In general or right now?

Simple Present

in general (regularly, often, never) Colin plays football every Tuesday. **present actions happening one after another** First Colin plays football, then he watches TV.

Present Continuous

right now Look! Colin is playing football now.

also for several actions happening at the same time

Colin is playing football and Jim is watching.

Signal words

- ❖ always
- ❖ every ...
- ❖ often
- ❖ normally
- ❖ usually
- ❖ sometimes
- ❖ seldom
- ❖ hardly ever
- ❖ never
- ❖ once / twice ...
- ❖ these days
- ❖ this month
- ❖ this year
- ❖ at the moment
- ❖ at this moment
- ❖ today
- ❖ now
- ❖ right now
- ❖ Listen!
- ❖ Look!

Adding – ing to verbs:

Play – playing
Go – going
Stay – staying

Delete the silent (e)

Write – writing
Ride – riding

Double the last letter

Short words – one vowel

The last letter is a (consonant) preceded by a vowel

Stop – stopping
Swim – swimming
Sit – sitting
Shop – shopping

Good luck for all ☺ Toota

Simple Present	Present Continuous
I always do my homework at night.	Now , I am doing my homework.
Ali often does his homework at night	Ali is doing his homework right now .
Sarah is smart Is Sarah smart? Yes, she is.	I am eating at the moment. Are you eating at the moment? Yes, I am.
I play basketball. Do you play basketball? Yes, I do.	Carolyn is studying. Is Carolyn studying? Yes, she is.
He has breakfast every morning. Does he have breakfast every morning? Yes, he does.	
What do you do on weekends?	What are you doing this weekend?
What does he do on weekends?	What is she doing this weekend?