

PRESENT SIMPLE VS PRESENT CONTINUOUS

GRAMMAR



PRESENT SIMPLE

- AFFIRMATIVE:

Subject + verb (3rd person singular verb-s)

Example: I always do my homework.

- NEGATIVE

Subject + don't / doesn't + verb (base form)

Example: I don't do my homework every day.

- INTERROGATIVE

(Wh-) + Do / Does + Subject + verb (base form)?

Example: Do you do your homework every day?

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

- AFFIRMATIVE

Subject + am / is / are + verb-ing

Example: I am speaking now.

- NEGATIVE

Subject + 'm not / isn't / aren't + verb-ing

Example: I'm not dancing now.

- INTERROGATIVE

(Wh-) + Am / Is / Are + Subject + verb-ing ?

Example: Are you speaking now?



SIMPLE VS CONTINUOUS



PRESENT SIMPLE

- We use it to express habits:

I play football twice a week.

- We use it to express facts:

Cats eat fish.

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

- We use it to say what is happening now or recently:

I am speaking right now.

- We use it to express future plans:

Tomorrow I'm visiting my grandma.



TIME EXPRESSIONS



PRESENT SIMPLE

- Adverbs of frequency: always, sometimes, never, often...
- Once a week, twice a month, three times a year...
- Every day, every week, every month.
- Every Tuesday, every Monday...

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

- Now
- At the moment
- Lately
- Tomorrow

RESOURCES

EXERCISES ABOUT PRESENT SIMPLE VS. CONTINUOUS:

- https://elt.oup.com/student/solutions/preint/grammar/grammar_01_012e?cc=global&selLanguage=en
- https://elt.oup.com/student/solutions/elementary/grammar/grammar_04_022e?cc=global&selLanguage=en
- https://elt.oup.com/student/result/engelem/a_grammar/unit08/8d_1?cc=global&selLanguage=en

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