

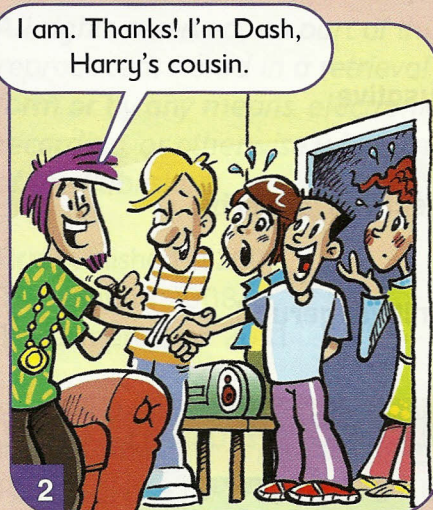
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Present tenses (1)

Present simple, present continuous, state verbs



Beth: It sounds awful!
Lucy: I hate it! It's just a horrible racket!
Peter: I love it! Who's playing the guitar? I think he's great!



Harry: Dash is staying with us for a few weeks. He's got a new job in London and he's looking for a flat.

Peter: Great! What do you do, Dash?

Dash: I'm a music teacher.

Harry: He's in a band, too! They're making their first CD! Listen to this!

Beth: Well, it doesn't sound that bad ...

Lucy: No, not at all. Actually ...



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Complete the tables.

Present simple

Positive	I / You / We / They He / She / It	live	
Negative	I / You / We / They He / She / It not (don't) does not	live
Questions	Do Does	I / you / we / they he / she / it	live?

Present continuous

Positive	I He / She / It We / You / They ('m) is ('re)	looking
Negative	I He / She / It We / You / They	am not (isn't) are not	looking
Questions	Am Is Are	I he / she / it you / we / they?

2 Read the information.

Present simple**Use**

We use the present simple to talk about

- habits, repeated actions or something we do regularly

I usually watch TV after dinner.

He plays the guitar in a band.

- facts, things that are always or usually true

Chris lives in Scotland. Hens lay eggs.

- programmes and timetables

Our train leaves at 8.30 a.m.

The film starts at 6 o'clock.

Time expressions

We use these expressions with the present simple. Their place is at the beginning or the end of the sentence.

- *in (January), in the morning / the afternoon / the evening*

The shop closes for a few days in August.

In the afternoon, I sit in the garden and have a cup of tea.

- *on (Mondays / Monday), on weekdays, on (Saturday) morning / afternoon / evening*
- *at the weekend*

We don't go to school on Sunday.

On Tuesday afternoon, I go to an art class.

- *every day / week / month, once / twice / three times (etc) a week / month / year*

I drink two glasses of milk every day.

They go on holiday twice a year.

Adverbs of frequency

We use adverbs of frequency to show how often we do something. Usually, their place is before the main verb or after the verb *be*.

- *always, usually, often, sometimes, never*

My sister sometimes borrows my clothes.

Do they usually stay up late?

I'm always hungry.

This door is never closed.

Present continuous**Use**

We use the present continuous to talk about

- something that is happening now (at the moment or for a longer period).

Mum is talking on the phone right now.

He's taking driving lessons this month.

- temporary situations, something that is happening this time only

I'm staying at my grandmother's for a few days.

She usually takes the bus to school, but today she's walking.

Time expressions

We use these time expressions with the present continuous. Their place is at the beginning or the end of the sentence

- *at the moment, now, right now, today, this week / month / year, these days*

It isn't raining at the moment.

He's working hard these days.

3 Complete with the present simple.

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| 1 My dad usually <i>drives</i> to work. (drive) | 5 I never this computer. (use) |
| 2 Their plane at 9 a.m. (leave) | 6 I'm a musician. What you |
| 3 We meat every day. (not eat) |? (do) |
| 4 What time they? (get up) | 7 She coffee. (not drink) |

4 Complete with the present continuous.

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| 1 I can't go out. <i>I'm doing</i> my homework. (do) | 4 Sorry, you to me? (talk) |
| 2 Sandra jeans today. (not wear) | 5 What they here? (do) |
| 3 your cousin with | 6 Ethan and I the match on TV. (watch) |
| you these days? (live) | 7 He very fast. (not run) |