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**TENSES CONTRAST  
THE PRESENT SIMPLE  
VS  
THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS**



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- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dToboUPXdxE>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q5UEPSk9ipE>

## The Present Simple

- Things which are always **true**.
- ❑ Water boils at 100 degrees.
- ❑ **Permanent situations** (or nearly permanent; true for a few years at least):
- ❑ Julie lives in London.
- ❑ **Habits** or things we do regularly:
- ❑ I drink coffee every morning.
- ❑ **Future events** which are part of a **timetable**.
- ❑ My plane leaves at eight tonight.
- ❑ To talk about the future after certain words ('when' 'until' 'after' 'before' 'as soon as'):
- ❑ I'll call you when I get home.

## The Present Continuous

- Things which are happening **at the moment** of speaking.
- ❑ The water is boiling now, so you can put in the pasta.
- ❑ He is playing the piano **now**.
- ❑ **Temporary situations**:
- ❑ Julie is living in Paris for a few months (usually she lives in London).
- ❑ **Definite future plans**:
- ❑ I'm meeting John after class today.
- ❑ She is travelling to Alex tomorrow.



# Present Simple or Present Continuous?

## ☐ Exercise 1

☐ Choose the present simple or present continuous:

- ☐ 1. (You / come) \_\_\_\_\_ tonight?
- ☐ 2. (He / eat) \_\_\_\_\_ rice every day?
- ☐ 3. I (work) \_\_\_\_\_ at the moment.
- ☐ 4. (He / come) \_\_\_\_\_ to London often?
- ☐ 5. He (play) \_\_\_\_\_ tennis now.
- ☐ 6. (You / come) \_\_\_\_\_ to the cinema later?
- ☐ 7. They (not / come) \_\_\_\_\_ to the party tomorrow.
- ☐ 8. He (not / play) \_\_\_\_\_ golf now.
- ☐ 9. (You / play) \_\_\_\_\_ tennis this Sunday?
- ☐ 10. They (go) \_\_\_\_\_ to a restaurant every Saturday



# Exercise 2

## □ Present Simple or Present Continuous? Exercise 2

### □ Make the present simple or present continuous:

- 1. You (not / like) \_\_\_\_\_ chocolate.
- 2. She (not / study) \_\_\_\_\_ at the moment.
- 3. We often (go) \_\_\_\_\_ to the cinema.
- 4. He usually (not / do) \_\_\_\_\_ his homework.
- 5. They (not / eat) \_\_\_\_\_ rice every day.
- 6. We (not / study) \_\_\_\_\_ every night.
- 7. (You / like) \_\_\_\_\_ spicy food?
- 8. (She / go) \_\_\_\_\_ to Scotland often?
- 9. (He / eat) \_\_\_\_\_ now?
- 10. We (go) \_\_\_\_\_ to the cinema this weekend.

## Exercise 3

- Choose the present simple or the present continuous.
- **Watch out for stative verbs. (only comes in the present simple tense)**



- 1. Julie \_\_\_\_\_ (read) in the garden.
- 2. What \_\_\_\_\_ (we / have) for dinner tonight?
- 3. She \_\_\_\_\_ (have) two daughters.
- 4. I \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) in Spain for two weeks this summer.
- 5. He often \_\_\_\_\_ (come) over for dinner.
- 6. The class \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) at nine every day.
- 7. What \_\_\_\_\_ (you / eat) at the moment?
- 8. What \_\_\_\_\_ (Susie / do) tomorrow?
- 9. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / work) on Sundays.
- 10. She \_\_\_\_\_ (not / study) now, she \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV

# Exercise 4

Put the verbs into the correct tense (simple present or present progressive).

- Look! He (leave)        is leaving the house.
- Quiet please! I (write) ----- a test.
- She usually (walk)        ----- to school.
- But look! Today she (go)        ----- by bike.
- Every Sunday we (go)        ----- to see my grandparents.
- He often (go)        ----- to the cinema.
- We (play) ----- Monopoly at the moment.
- The child seldom (cry)        ----- .
- I (not / do) ----- anything at the moment.
- (watch / he)        ----- the news regularly?



# Exercise 5

Put the verbs into the correct tense (simple present or present progressive).

- A) James (live) ----- in a little village.
- B) He (be) ----- in his last year at school.
- C) After school, James (want) ----- to become a banker.
- D) So this week, he (do) ----- a practical course in a bank.
- E) There (be) ----- a bank in a nearby town, but James (have) ----- to take the bus to get there.
- F) The bus (leave) ----- at 5.30 in the morning and (return) ----- at 8.15 in the evening.
- G) James (not / like) ----- to spend so much time in town before and after work, waiting for the bus.
- H) Therefore, this week he (stay) ----- with his aunt, who (live) ----- in town.
- I) James usually (wear) ----- jeans and t- shirts, but while he (work) ----- for the bank now, he (wear) ----- a suit and a tie.