

Let's revise Present Simple and Present Continuous

1. Study the tables and find more time expressions we use with Present Simple and Present Continuous.

TIME EXPRESSIONS	
Present Simple	never, often, once a month,
Present Continuous	now, this month,

PRESENT SIMPLE	PRESENT CONTINUOUS
Ella lives in Paris with her partner. She likes this city very much.	Joan is living with her parents right now because she is looking for a flat.
What does Mark do ? He works as a personal assistant at an international company.	What are Paul and Mary doing at the moment? They are working in the garden.
On Sundays, we usually go for a long walk and eat dinner at our favourite restaurant.	We are not going to a restaurant today because Emma is cooking dinner.
I don't use public transport. I drive to work every day.	I'm not driving to work this week because my car has broken down.
The average child smiles up to 400 times a day.	Look! She is smiling at you.

2. For each point below, choose the sentence (1 or 2) which is true.

- a) On Sundays, we usually go for a long walk and eat dinner at our favourite restaurant.
- 1) It happens regularly.
 - 2) It doesn't happen regularly.
- b) I'm not driving to work this week because my car has broken down.
- 1) It's a permanent situation.
 - 2) It's a temporary situation.

- c) Look! She is smiling at you.
 - 1) It's a situation happening at the time we are speaking.
 - 2) It's a situation that happens regularly.
- d) The average child smiles up to 400 times a day.
 - 1) It's a fact.
 - 2) It's a changing situation.
- e) Joan is living with her parents right now because she is looking for a flat.
 - 1) It's a permanent situation.
 - 2) It's a temporary situation.

3. Complete the dialogues with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- a) A: Mum, what you (do)?
B: I (cook) your favourite dish.
- b) A: you (like) reading crime stories, Joe?
B: I (love) them! Can you recommend any?
A: Yes, I (read) a really good one now. I'll lend it to you when I finish it.
- c) A: What Mia (do) after work today?
B: She (go) to a yoga class.
A: Really? she (enjoy) yoga?
- d) A: Can I help you?
B: Yes, please. I for (look) a winter coat.
A: We (have) a lot of winter coats. This one is our bestseller.
B: Actually, it (not be) my favourite colour. Can you show me a different one?
- f) A: The printer (not work). What should I do?
B: Call the IT department.

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4. Write four sentences about yourself, your family or friends. Two of them should be true and two should be false. Use the time expressions in the box (two in Present Simple and two in Present Continuous).

at the moment	every day	never	now
often	once a month/week	on Mondays/Sundays	
right now	this week/month	today	usually

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5. Exchange sentences with your partner and guess which are true and which are false.

6. Talk about the people in the pictures by answering the questions.

- What are they doing now?
- What do they do for work?
- What do they like?
- What are their hobbies?
- What do they have?

EXAMPLE: *He is giving a class now. He is wearing a shirt and a sweater. He is a Maths teacher. He drinks a lot of coffee every day and eats a lot of fruit. After work, he likes watching films.*

