

PRESENT TENSES:

SIMPLE PRESENT:	PRESENT CONTINUOUS:
FORM:	
<p><i>* Positive:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I/you/we/they + verb - He/she/it + verb + s /es /ies <p><i>* Negative:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I/you/we/they + do not + verb - He/she/it + does not + verb 	<p><i>* Positive:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I am + verb + ing - He/she/it is + verb + ing - You/we /they are + verb + ing <p><i>* Negative:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I am not + verb + ing - He/she/it is not + verb + ing - You/we /they are not + verb + ing
USES:	
<p><i>* Routines:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Susan <u>always</u> writes letters with the computer. - I study at the university library <u>every afternoon</u>. 	<p><i>* Present actions at the moment of speaking:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I can't call you. I am writing a letter <u>at the moment</u>. - My friends are in the library. They are studying for an exam <u>now</u>.
<p><i>* Permanent situations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paul lives in London. - I work as a teacher. 	<p><i>* Temporary situations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pat and Claire are living together in Manchester <u>now</u>. - I'm <u>currently</u> working as a waitress in a bar. - Rita's from Brazil but she is studying in France.
<p><i>* Facts:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Orcas have the second largest brain of any animal on the planet. - The human body has 206 bones. - Cheetahs run faster than humans. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbs that do not describe an action are called STATE VERBS. Examples: <i>like, love, prefer, hate, want, need, believe, know, remember, understand, be, cost, mean, seem</i>. • STATE verbs DON'T NORMALLY HAVE A CONTINUOUS FORM: I am your friend. I love coffee. She doesn't need our help. He knows that you are right. We understand your problem. This situation seems impossible. This car costs a fortune! 	
Some verbs can be STATE or DYNAMIC , depending on their meaning:	
I think she's shy. (state verb: opinion)	I'm thinking about buying a new cellphone. (dynamic verb: mental process)
I have a dog. (state verb: possession)	I'm having dinner now. (dynamic verb: action > eating)