

Present Simple, Continuous & Stative Verbs

What do you do **every day**?

What are you doing **now**?

Look at the picture and describe what is happening.

What are the students doing?

What is the teacher doing?



Present Continuous



I am studying
You are talking
He is dancing
She is eating
It is playing
We are working
You are cooking
They are singing



Am I studying?
Are you talking?
Is he dancing?
Is she eating?
Is it playing?
Are we working?
Are you cooking?
Are they singing?



I'm not studying
You aren't talking
He isn't dancing
She isn't eating
It isn't playing
We aren't working
You aren't cooking
They aren't singing

Present Continuous

USES:

- Actions in progress right now.
e.g.: I am writing on the board.
- Actions in progress at a specific period at present.
e.g.: They are painting their house this week.
- Temporary situations.
e.g.: My friend is staying with me this weekend.
- Developing and changing situations.
e.g.: More and more people are buying electric cars.
- Future Plans (100% sure)
e.g.: She is flying to New York on Sunday.

TIME EXPRESSIONS:

- Now
- At the moment
- At present
- Today
- These days
- Tonight
- Right now
- This week
- This month

Look at the picture and imagine what happens after school.

What do the students do every day?

What does the teacher do every day?



Present Simple



I eat
You eat
He eats
She eats
It eats
We eat
You eat
They eat



Do I eat?
Do you eat?
Does he eat?
Does she eat?
Does it eat?
Do we eat?
Do you eat?
Do they eat?



I don't eat
You don't eat
He doesn't eat
She doesn't eat
It doesn't eat
We don't eat
You don't eat
They don't eat

Present Simple

USES:

TIME EXPRESSIONS:

- Always
- Usually
- Often
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never
- Every day / week / month / year
- At the weekend
- On Mondays..
- Once a month
- Twice a year

- Habits and routines.
e.g.: I often go to the gym.
- A permanent situation (something that can't easily change).
e.g.: She lives in Athens.
- General truths, facts.
e.g.: The sun sets in the west.
- Timetables.
e.g.: School starts at 8:15.

STATATIVE VERBS

They describe a **state** rather than an action.

They are mostly used in **Present Simple**.

If used in **Present Continuous**, the meaning changes.

Feelings and Emotions

like want
love hate
prefer wish

Senses

hear see
smell taste
feel

States of Mind

believe think agree
know mean understand
suppose

Appearance

look seem appear

Possession

belong contain need own
have

He **is tasting**
the cake.

She **is looking** at
her phone.

They **are having**
a great time.



The cake **tastes**
delicious.

They **look** happy.

She **has** a phone.

They **like / love / want** each other.

I **believe / think / know / suppose** they are more than friends.

The glass **contains** wine.

We **see** that they are eating.

My friend **hates** cheesecake.