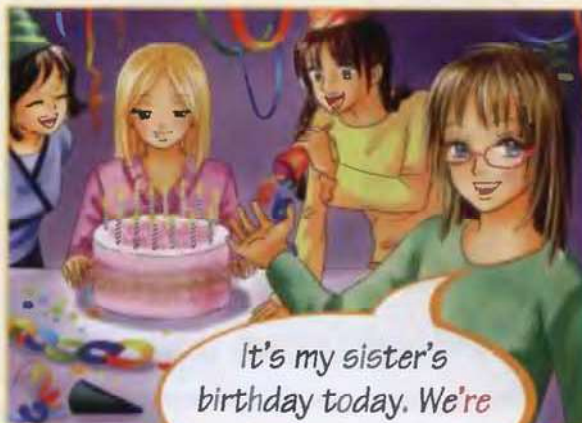




Listen and repeat.

My sister usually **watches** TV in the evening and I **play** computer games.



It's my sister's birthday today. We're **having** a party.

Present Simple vs Present Continuous

We use the **present simple** for permanent states and repeated or habitual actions.

Time expressions used with the present simple:

every day / week / month / year, usually, often, always, rarely, never, sometimes, in the morning / evening / afternoon, at night, etc.

We use the **present continuous** for temporary states or actions, or for actions happening at the moment of speaking.

Time expressions used with the present continuous:

now, at present, at the moment, today, tonight

Some verbs are usually only used in the simple tenses.

believe, belong, decide, forget, hate, hear, know, live, like, love, need, remember, smell, see, think, understand, want, etc.

The verb **have** is only used in the simple tenses when it means **possess**. Otherwise, it is used in the continuous tenses as well.

I **have** two cars at present. **BUT** She **is having** a bath now.

7 Circle the correct form of the verb.

- Mum **cleans** / **is cleaning** the kitchen at the moment.
- We always **do** / **are doing** our homework.
- My friends **play** / **are playing** football now.
- Julie usually **walks** / **is walking** to school.
- I **wear** / **am wearing** my new T-shirt today.
- I **don't know** / **'m not knowing** his name.
- Ethan **loves** / **is loving** rock music.
- I sometimes **meet** / **are meeting** my friends after school.
- Sara **works** / **is working** hard these days.
- Ivan **doesn't want** / **isn't wanting** to do his homework.
- This bag is mine. It **is belonging** / **belongs** to me.

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Present Simple vs Present Continuous

8 Write sentences as in the example:

1

Usually

Today



• pilot • fly / a plane • ride a horse

She is a pilot. She usually flies a plane. Today, she is riding a horse.

2

Usually

Today



• cooks • cook • eat / in a restaurant

3

Usually

Today



• musician • play / the piano • listen / a CD

4

Usually

Today



• teacher • teach / students • read a book

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Choose the correct item.

1 Look at him! He a horse.

A rides B riding C is riding

2 He usually tennis in the afternoon.

A plays B play C is playing

3 What in the kitchen, Mum?

A do you B are you doing C you do

4 She dinner now.

A isn't having B doesn't have C don't have

5 He comic books every day.

A read B is reading C reads

6 Be quiet! The baby

A sleep B sleeps C is sleeping

7 he like exercising?

A Do B Does C Is

8 Look! The dog with the ball.

A plays B is playing C are playing

Present Simple vs Present Continuous

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- 10** Put the verbs in brackets into the *present simple* or the *present continuous*. Explain why.

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|--|---|
| 1 He often ... <u>goes</u> ... (go) to the cinema.
<i>habitual action</i> | 4 Dad
(lie) on the sofa now. |
| 2 They (not/watch)
TV at the moment. | 5 Claire (not/like) pizza. |
| 3 John is outside. He
(wash) the car. | 6
(you/sleep) early on weekdays? |

- 11** Underline the correct *time expression*.

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|---|--|
| 1 I go to school <u>every morning</u> / at the moment. | 5 I am having an English lesson <u>now</u> / every day. |
| 2 My parents <u>never</u> / now go to work on Sundays. | 6 My parents are working on <u>Saturdays</u> / at the moment. |
| 3 I go skiing <u>today</u> / every winter. | 7 I watch TV <u>tonight</u> / in the evenings. |
| 4 I <u>at present</u> / always do my homework. I'm a very good student. | 8 I <u>usually</u> / at present go out with my friends on Sundays. |

- 12** Put the verbs in brackets into the *present simple* or the *present continuous*.

Dear Katy,
Here I 1) ... am ... (be) in Mykonos, Greece. The weather
2) (be) fantastic. We 3)
(have) a wonderful time.
At the moment, I 4) (lie) by the swimming
pool with my brother, James. I 5)
(sunbathe) and James 6) (drink) lemonade.
We 7) (sunbathe) and 8)
(swim) every day. At night, we usually 9)
(eat) at a restaurant and then we 10)
(dance) at one of the fantastic discos on the island.
I 11) (love) it here and I
12) (not/want) to leave!
Love,
Sally

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Present Simple vs Present Continuous

13 Put the verbs in brackets into the *present simple* or the *present continuous*.



It 1) *is* (be) very cold today and it
 2) (snow). It always
 3) (snow) here in December.
 Peter 4) (swim) in the sea
 now. He 5) (like) fish and
 he 6) (love) cold weather.
 Peter's friend 7) (watch)
 him. Peter always 8) (bring)
 his friend a fish. His friend 9)
 (wait) for his fish. Peter 10)
 (not/cook) his fish, he 11)
 (eat) it in the sea. This 12)
 (not/be) strange because Peter is a penguin!



Speaking Activity

Close your eyes. Imagine that you are on your dream holiday. Your partner is trying to find out what you and your family are doing right now.

Student A: I'm on an exotic island.

Student A: I'm sunbathing right now.

Student B: What are you doing?

Student B: What's your mother doing? etc.



Writing Activity

Write an email to your friend about your dream holiday. Say where you are and what you and your family are doing right now. Use Ex. 12 as a model.

Hi

I'm on holiday I'm right now.

My mum

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Where are you at the moment?

Email me soon.

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