



# Present Simple & Present Continuous



## Differences

# Present Simple

- We use it to show an action in the present and a habit.
- Present simple can be used with adverbs like: **always, often, usually, sometimes, never, every day, every week, every year, etc**
  - Ex. I always go to school.
  - Ex. Robert plays football every day.
  - Ex. We like to eat cookies.

From: Verb + “s” or “es”

# Present Continuous

- ❑ We use it to show that an action is happening now, at the moment of speaking
- ❑ Present continuous can be used with words like: **now; at the moment; Look!; Listen!**
- ❑ E.g. I am walking to school.
- ❑ E.g. Listen! She is singing.
- ❑ E.g. I am eating ice-cream now.

Form: am/is/are + Verb + “ing”

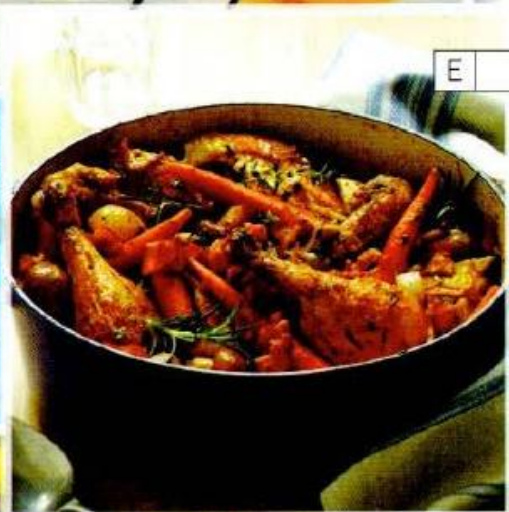




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4 Unfortunately, I think *they get / they're getting* worse. People *eat / are eating* more unhealthily.

- b With a partner, say why you think he has chosen each form.
- c ➤ **p.132 Grammar Bank 1A.** Learn more about the present simple and the present continuous, and practise them.
- d Make questions to ask your partner with the present simple or continuous. Ask for more information.

#### On a typical day

- What / usually have for breakfast?
- / drink Coke or fizzy drinks? How many glasses / drink a day?
- Where / usually have lunch?
- What / usually have for lunch during the week?
- / ever cook? What / make?
- / prefer eating at home or eating out?

#### At the moment / nowadays

- / need to buy any food today?
- / want anything to eat right now? What?
- / take vitamins or food supplements at the moment?
- / try to cut down on anything at the moment?
- / the diet in your country / get better or worse?

## 7 SPEAKING

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

- 1 Men are better cooks than women.
- 2 Both boys and girls should learn to cook at school.
- 3 Cheap restaurants usually serve bad food.
- 4 On a night out with friends, where and what you eat isn't important.
- 5 Not all fast food is unhealthy.
- 6 Every country thinks that their cuisine is the best in the world.

- a **1.13**) Listen to two people discussing sentence 1. Who do you agree with more, the man or the woman? Why?
- b **1.14**) Listen to the phrases in the **Useful language** box. Copy the intonation



- Expressions of frequency usually go at the end of the sentence or verb phrase.

present continuous: **be + verb + -ing**

A Who **are** you **waiting** for?

B I **'m waiting** for a friend.

A **Is** your sister still **going out** with Adam?

B No, they broke up. She **isn't going out** with anyone at the moment.

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a Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

We don't go to Chinese restaurants very often. (not go)

1 These days, most children \_\_\_\_\_ too many fizzy drinks. (have)

2 \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ any vitamins at the moment? (take)

3 Don't eat that spinach if you \_\_\_\_\_ it. (not like)

4 \_\_\_\_\_ your boyfriend \_\_\_\_\_ how to cook fish? (know)

5 We \_\_\_\_\_ takeaway pizzas during the week. (not get)

6 What \_\_\_\_\_ your mother \_\_\_\_\_? It smells great! (make)

7 You look sad. What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ about? (think)

8 The diet in my country \_\_\_\_\_ worse. (get)

9 How often \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ seafood? (eat)

10 I \_\_\_\_\_ usually \_\_\_\_\_ fish. (not cook)

- Common non-action verbs are *agree, be, believe, belong, depend, forget, hate, hear, know, like, love, matter, mean, need, prefer, realize, recognize, remember, seem, suppose*.



### Verbs that can be both action and non-action

A few verbs have an action and a non-action meaning, e.g. *have* and *think*.

*I have a cat now.* = possession (non-action)

*I can't talk now. I'm having lunch.* = an action

*I think this music's great.* = opinion (non-action)

*What are you thinking about?* = an action

b Circle the correct form, present simple or continuous.

I don't believe / I'm not believing that you cooked this meal yourself.

1 Come on, let's order. The waiter *comes* / *is coming*.

2 Kate *doesn't want* / *isn't wanting* to have dinner now. She isn't hungry.

3 The head chef is ill, so he *doesn't work* / *isn't working* today.

4 The bill *seems* / *is seeming* very high to me.

5 We've had an argument, so we *don't speak* / *aren't speaking* to each other at the moment.

6 My mum *thinks* / *is thinking* my diet is awful these days.

7 *Do we need* / *Are we needing* to go shopping today?

8 Can I call you back? *I have* / *I'm having* lunch right now.

9 I didn't use to like oily fish, but now *I love* / *I'm loving* it!

10 What *do you cook* / *are you cooking*? It smells delicious!



## FOOD

- What is your favorite dish?
- Why do you like it?
- When do you eat it?
- How often do you cook it?



## HOBBY

- What are your hobbies?
- Why do you like them?
- When did you start them?



## FRIENDS

- Who is your best friend?
- How often do you see him/her?
- Where does he/she live?
- How does he/she help you?



## ANIMALS

- What is your favorite animal?
- Why do you like it?
- Where does it live?
- What does it eat and drink?



## BIRTHDAY

- When is your birthday?
- How do you celebrate it?
- What presents do you like?
- How many friends do you usually invite?



## MOVIES

- What is your favorite movie?
- Why do you like it?
- When did you see it?
- Who are the actors there?



## SEASON

- Which season do you like the most?
- Why do you like it?
- What do you do in this season?
- Where do you spend it?



## SCHOOL

- What is your favorite subject?
- Why do you like it?
- How often do you study it?



## HOLIDAYS

- What is your favorite holiday?
- Why do you like it?
- What do you eat and drink on this day?
- Where do you spend it?



## MUSIC

- What is your favorite music?
- Why do you like it?
- When do you listen to it?
- Who is your favorite singer?





Select a number from 1-27. Your partner reads the card.  
Answer in a complete sentence, using the **present continuous**.

**1** What 3 things are you doing now?



**2** Name 3 things your mother/father are doing at the moment?



**3** Name 2 things your brother/sister is doing right now?



**4** Name 2 things that the weather could be doing now.



**5** Name 2 things that is your brother/sister not doing at the moment?



**6** Two things your pet is not doing now?



**7** What 2 things are you doing in English class today?



**8** What 3 things are you doing during your break today?



**9** Ask your partner what he/she is doing at the moment.



**10** Name 3 things that you are doing this morning.



**11** Name 3 things that you are not doing this morning.



**12** Ask Dracula what he is doing at the moment?



**13** Ask a witch what she is doing now?



**14** Ask an elephant what he is doing this morning.



**15** Name 3 things that characters in computer games are doing now.



**16** Name 3 things that your class is doing during gym class.



**17** Name 4 things that your class is doing in computer class.



**18** Name 2 things that your friend is doing with his/her mobile phone now.



**19** Name 2 things that ghosts are doing on Halloween.



**20** Name 2 funny things that the class clown is doing now.



**21** Ask Frankenstein 2 things that he is doing in the movie?



**22** Describe what is happening at your dinner table.



**23** Name 4 things that the players are doing at a football or basketball game.



**24** What are 3 things that are not happening at a basketball/football game.



**25** Name 4 things that your friends are not doing now.



**26** Name 2 things that the Super Mario brothers are not doing at the moment.



**27** Describe what your family is doing at the beach on vacation.





Thank you for your attention!

