

Present Simple & Present Continuous

Present Simple	Present Continuous
Fact	Action now/right now/at the moment
Regular action/ Habits <i>Everyday/week/month/year</i> <i>Always/usually/normally/often/sometimes/</i> <i>seldom/rarely/never</i>	Arrangement = exact plan <i>Tomorrow (at exact time and place)</i>
Permanent action	Temporary action <i>Today/this week/month/year, etc.</i>
Describing a book/film/story	Describing a picture/photo/painting
Schedule (for bus/plane/train)	Trends/changings [more and more \les and less]
	Happen too often (negative meaning) <i>Always + Present Continuous</i>

Present Simple & Present Continuous Examples

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Time expressions

- ▶ **Every** + day/month/year/Monday
- ▶ Once/Twice/three times/four times a week/month
- ▶ **At the end of the sentence**
- ▶ I go swimming everyday.
- ▶ I visit my doctor once a year.
- ▶ Emphasize!
Everyday, she visits us!

Adverbs of frequency

• TO BE

- ▶ Always
- ▶ Usually/normally
- ▶ Often
- ▶ Sometimes
- ▶ Rarely/seldom
- ▶ Hardly ever
- ▶ Never

- ▶ I am **always** late.
- ▶ I **always** do my homework on my own.

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Action vs Non-action verbs

Action vs State verbs

- ▶ Non-action verbs **CANNOT BE** used in PRESENT CONTINUOUS

▶ ~~I am loving you~~

STATIVE VERBS IN ENGLISH

POSSESSION	SENSE	EMOTION		MENTAL STATE		OTHERS
• Have	• Sound	• Love	• Need	• Know	• Disagree	• Cost
• Own	• Hear	• Like	• Desire	• Believe	• Deny	• Measure
• Possess	• Smell	• Dislike	• Wish	• Doubt	• Promise	• Weigh
• Pack	• See	• Hate	• Hope	• Think	• Satisfy	• Owe
• Consist	• Look	• Adore	• Value	• Suppose	• Realise	• Seem
• Involve	• Taste	• Prefer		• Recognise	• Appear	• Fit
• Include	• Touch	• Care		• Forget	• Astonish	• Depend
• Contain	• Feel	• Mind		• Remember	• Please	• Matter
		• Want		• Imagine	• Impress	
		• Appreciate		• Mean	• Surprise	
				• Agree	• Concern	
				• Understand		



Have for Simple or Continuous

- ▶ HAVE = OWN/POSSESS
- ▶ NO CONTINUOUS
- ▶ ~~I am having a car now~~ I have a car now.
- ▶ HAVE = ACTIVITY
- ▶ **Have a shower/have a bath/ have dinner = CONTINUOUS IS OK**
- ▶ I am having breakfast now.
- ▶ I have breakfast everyday.

Think vs thinking

- ▶ Think = general opinion
- ▶ NO CONTINUOUS
- ▶ I think that English is very interesting
- ▶ I think Shakira is a good singer
- ▶ Think = action (процесс) = process in your mind
- ▶ Simple + Continuous
- ▶ I am thinking about buying a new car now.
- ▶ I always think about life.