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Present tenses (1)

Present simple, present continuous, state verbs



Beth: It sounds awful!
Lucy: I hate it! It's just a horrible racket!
Peter: I love it! Who's playing the guitar?
 I think he's great!



Harry: Dash is staying with us for a few weeks. He's got a new job in London and he's looking for a flat.

Peter: Great! What do you do, Dash?

Dash: I'm a music teacher.

Harry: He's in a band, too! They're making their first CD! Listen to this!

Beth: Well, it doesn't sound that bad ...

Lucy: No, not at all. Actually ...



1 Complete the tables.

Present simple			
Positive	I / You / We / They He / She / It	live	
Negative	I / You / We / They He / She / It not (don't) does not	live
Questions	Do Does	I / you / we / they he / she / it	live?

Present continuous			
Positive	I He / She / It We / You / They ('m) is, ('re)	looking
Negative	I He / She / It We / You / They	am not, (isn't) are not	looking
Questions	Am Is Are	I he / she / it you / we / they ?

2 Read the information.

Present simple

Use

We use the present simple to talk about

- habits, repeated actions or something we do regularly

I usually watch TV after dinner.

He plays the guitar in a band.

- facts, things that are always or usually true

Chris lives in Scotland. Hens lay eggs.

- programmes and timetables

Our train leaves at 8.30 a.m.

The film starts at 6 o'clock.

Time expressions

We use these expressions with the present simple. Their place is at the beginning or the end of the sentence.

- *in (January), in the morning / the afternoon / the evening*

The shop closes for a few days in August.

In the afternoon, I sit in the garden and have a cup of tea.

- *on (Mondays / Monday), on weekdays, on (Saturday) morning / afternoon / evening*

- *at the weekend*

We don't go to school on Sunday.

On Tuesday afternoon, I go to an art class.

- *every day / week / month, once / twice / three times (etc) a week / month / year*

I drink two glasses of milk every day.

They go on holiday twice a year.

Adverbs of frequency

We use adverbs of frequency to show how often we do something. Usually, their place is before the main verb or after the verb *be*.

- *always, usually, often, sometimes, never*

My sister sometimes borrows my clothes.

Do they usually stay up late?

I'm always hungry.

This door is never closed.

Present continuous

Use

We use the present continuous to talk about

- something that is happening now (at the moment or for a longer period).

Mum is talking on the phone right now.

He's taking driving lessons this month.

- temporary situations, something that is happening this time only

I'm staying at my grandmother's for a few days.

She usually takes the bus to school, but today she's walking.

Time expressions

We use these time expressions with the present continuous. Their place is at the beginning or the end of the sentence

- *at the moment, now, right now, today, this week / month / year, these days*

It isn't raining at the moment.

He's working hard these days.

3 Complete with the present simple.

- 1 My dad usually *drives* to work. (drive)
- 2 Their plane at 9 a.m. (leave)
- 3 We meat every day. (not eat)
- 4 What time they? (get up)
- 5 I never this computer. (use)
- 6 I'm a musician. What you? (do)
- 7 She coffee. (not drink)

4 Complete with the present continuous.

- 1 I can't go out. *I'm doing* my homework. (do)
- 2 Sandra jeans today. (not wear)
- 3 your cousin with you these days? (live)
- 4 Sorry, you to me? (talk)
- 5 What they here? (do)
- 6 Ethan and I the match on TV. (watch)
- 7 He very fast. (not run)

5 Match.

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|---|---|--|------------------------------|
| 1 | He plays the piano.
He's playing the piano. | | happening now
fact |
| 2 | They're staying at a hotel.
They often stay at a hotel. | | temporary
repeated action |
| 3 | I always have cereal for breakfast.
I'm having cereal for breakfast today. | | this time only
habit |
| 4 | The sun is setting. Isn't it beautiful?
The sun sets in the West. | | happening now
fact |
| 5 | The film starts at 10 o'clock.
Shh! The film is starting! | | happening now
programme |

6 Circle the correct answer.

- Can I call you back? We have / are having lunch at the moment.
- Elizabeth doesn't eat / isn't eating red meat. She's a vegetarian.
- What do you do / are you doing right now?
- We don't watch / aren't watching TV in the morning.
- She wants to live in Brighton but she lives / is living in London at the moment.
- I don't cook / 'm not cooking today. There are sandwiches in the fridge.
- Do they look / Are they looking for a new car?
- The match usually finishes / is finishing at 8 o'clock.
- Look! The red hen lays / is laying an egg!
- We don't usually listen / aren't usually listening to this kind of music.

7 Complete with the present simple or the present continuous.

- I get up at 7 o'clock on weekdays. (get up)
- Hurry up! John for you outside the cinema. (wait)
- What you usually at the weekends? (do)
- Dad to the office today. It's a bank holiday. (not go)
- they at the moment? (work)
- We cake for breakfast every day. (not have)
- she her grandparents every week? (visit)
- They for their final exam at the moment. (study)
- I to this radio show every week. (listen)
- The sun today! (shine)

8 Circle the correct answer.

- Alex is sleeping at the moment / every day.
- Are you leaving right now / every weekend?
- They practice every day / today.
- We aren't staying at a hotel every year / this time.
- Henry and I play football at the weekend / right now.
- Is it raining every evening / at the moment?
- Does she wash her hands today / before she starts cooking?
- We do the shopping this month / on Saturdays.
- The restaurant is doing a special deal on pizzas this week / every week: buy one, get one free!
- This shop doesn't open right now / on Sundays.

9 Choose and complete.

Peter ¹ *usually* walks to school, but ² he's riding his bike. ³, he has football practice after school and he doesn't want to be late.

(on Mondays, usually, today)



It is 3 p.m. Beth is playing a computer game ⁴. She ⁵ reads a book, but she never watches TV ⁶.

(sometimes, in the afternoon, at the moment)



⁷, Lucy relaxes in her room. She ⁸ listens to music or writes emails to her friends. ⁹, she's painting Cosmo's portrait.

(often, Right now, on Sunday evening)

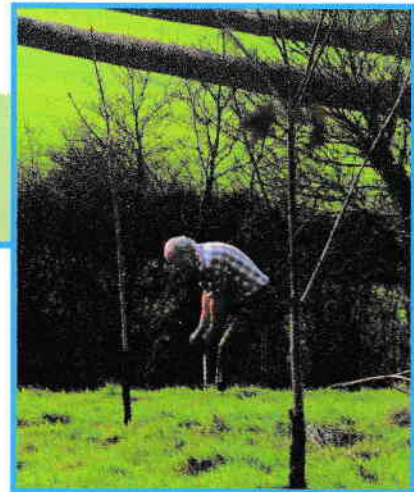


10 Read and complete. Use the present simple or the present continuous.

TeenLink

Interview of the week

Welcome to this year's first issue of *TeenLink* magazine. This week our school is helping to reforest Belview Hill. Beth Banks interviewed Martin Chapman, the chairman of our local committee for the preservation of the environment.



Chairman Chapman at work.

Beth: You ¹ *'re working* (work) very hard today.

Martin: Yes, we are. We ² (plant) more trees.

Beth: Why ³ (you / do) this?

Martin: Well, it usually ⁴ (rain) a lot in this area and the water ⁵ (carry) the soil away. We often ⁶ (have) floods. So we need more trees. Trees are important because their roots ⁷ (keep) the soil in its place.

Beth: Who's helping you today?

Martin: A lot of local people. Some people ⁸ (dig) holes and others ⁹ (water) the trees. Many of your schoolmates ¹⁰ (help), too, so we ¹¹ (do) the work fast.

Beth: I often ¹² (help) my dad in the garden. Is there anything I can do?