

Lecture 11

Unit 3

Present Simple

Use **Present Simple** to talk about “**all the time**” and **routines**. (Facts and habits)

How **do** you **stay** in shape?
I **walk** everywhere.

Do you **exercise** regularly?

Yes, I **do**. I **exercise** six days a week.

No, we **don't**. We **don't exercise** at all.

Present Continuous

Use 1:

Use **Present continuous** to talk about “**now**”



- I **am sitting**.
- I **am not standing**.
- You **are learning** English now.
- What sports **are** you **playing** these days?
I **am doing** karate. It's **getting** me in shape.

Present Continuous

The structure of the present continuous tense is:

Subject + Auxiliary verb + main verb
be + (base + ing)

	Subject	Auxiliary verb		main verb	
+	I	am		speaking	to you.
+	You	are		reading	this.
-	She	is	not	living	in London.
-	We	are	not	playing	football.
?	Is	he		watching	TV?
?	Are	they		waiting	for John?

Present Continuous

Use 2:

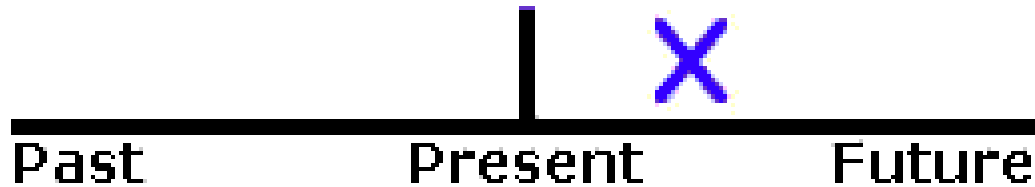
Use **Present continuous** to talk about **temporary events**.
Longer Actions in Progress Now



- I **am studying** to become a doctor.
- I **am not studying** to become a dentist.
- I **am reading** the book *Tom Sawyer*.
- **Is** she **trying** to lose weight?
Yes, she **is**. She's **drinking** diet drinks.
No, she's **not**. She's **not trying** to lose weight.

Present Continuous

USE 3: Near Future



I **am visiting** my grandparents next Friday.

I **am** not **working** next week.

Are you **playing** football this weekend?

Non-Continuous Verbs

Abstract Verbs

to be, to want, to cost, to seem, to need, to care, to contain, to owe, to exist...

Possession Verbs

to possess, to own, to belong, to have...

Emotion Verbs

to like, to love, to hate, to dislike, to fear, to envy, to mind...

Examples:

He **is needing** help now. *Not Correct*

He **needs** help now. *Correct*

He **is wanting** a drink now. *Not Correct*

He **wants** a drink now. *Correct*

In general or right now?

Simple Present

in general (regularly, often, never)

Colin plays football every Tuesday.

present actions happening one after another

First Colin plays football, then he watches TV.

Present Continuous

right now

Look! Colin is playing football now.

also for several actions happening at the same time

Colin is playing football and Jim is watching.

Signal words

- ❖ always
- ❖ every ...
- ❖ often
- ❖ normally
- ❖ usually
- ❖ sometimes
- ❖ seldom
- ❖ hardly ever
- ❖ never
- ❖ once / twice ...

- ❖ these days
- ❖ this month
- ❖ this year
- ❖ at the moment
- ❖ at this moment
- ❖ today
- ❖ now
- ❖ right now
- ❖ Listen!
- ❖ Look!

Adding –ing to verbs:

Play – playing

Go – going

Stay – staying

Delete the silent (e)

Write – writing

Ride – riding

Double the last letter

Short words – one vowel

The last letter is a (consonant) preceded by a vowel

Stop – stopping

Swim – swimming

Sit – sitting

Shop - shopping

Simple Present

I **always** do my homework at night.

Ali **often** does his homework at night

Sarah is smart

Is Sarah smart?

Yes, she is.

I play basketball.

Do you play basketball?

Yes, I do.

He has breakfast every morning.

Does he have breakfast every morning?

Yes, he does.

What do you do on weekends?

What does he do on weekends?

Present Continuous

Now, I am doing my homework.

Ali is doing his homework **right now**.

I am eating at the moment.

Are you eating at the moment?

Yes, I am.

Carolyn is studying.

Is Carolyn studying?

Yes, she is.

What are you doing this weekend?

What is she doing this weekend?