

# PRESENT SIMPLE VS CONTINUOUS – FORM

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## PRESENT SIMPLE

POSITIVE

I/You/We/They work

He/She/It works

NEGATIVE

I/You/We/They don't work

He/She/It doesn't work

QUESTION

Do I/you/we/they } work?  
Does he/she/it }

SHORT ANSWER

Yes, { I/you/we/they do  
he/she/it does

No, { I/you/we/they don't  
he/she/it doesn't

## PRESENT CONTINUOUS

POSITIVE

I am working

You/We/They are working

He/She/It is working

NEGATIVE

I'm not working

You/We/They aren't working

He/She/It isn't working

QUESTION

Am I } working?  
Are you/we/they }  
Is he/she/it }

SHORT ANSWER

Yes, { I am  
You/We/They are  
He/She/It is

No, { I'm not  
You/We/They aren't  
He/She/It isn't

# PRESENT SIMPLE VS CONTINUOUS – MEANING

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## PRESENT SIMPLE

### Habits. Regular actions or situations

- ⇒ I wash my hair every day.
- ⇒ He usually gets up very early.

### Facts, permanent situations or states

- ⇒ I have one brother. He lives in Paris.
- ⇒ Water boils at 100 degrees.

### With stative verbs\*

- ⇒ Give me the money. I need it now.
- ⇒ What happened? You look sad.

### Future timetabled events

- ⇒ The train leaves at 4.
- ⇒ The exams start next Monday.

**SIGNAL WORDS:** *Always, never, often, sometimes, every day, once a month, etc.*

## PRESENT CONTINUOUS

### Actions in progress 'now'/'around now'

- ⇒ I can't talk. I'm brushing my teeth.
- ⇒ I'm reading a new book. I love it!

### Temporary actions or situations

- ⇒ I'm going to work by bus this week.
- ⇒ I'm living with my cousins until I find an apartment.

### Changing or developing situations

- ⇒ The climate is changing very quickly.
- ⇒ Your English is improving.

### Future actions that are decided

- ⇒ I'm meeting John this evening.
- ⇒ We are leaving tomorrow at 7 a.m.

**SIGNAL WORDS:** *Now, at the moment, these days, this week/month, etc.*

\***Verbs of the senses:** hear, see, smell, look, seem, sound. **Opinion:** believe, consider, like, love, hate, prefer, think, etc. **Possession:** have, own, belong, etc. **Also:** agree, be, depend, need, mean, remember, realise, recognise, seem, want, etc.