

Worksheet 2.8: Present Simple and Present Continuous

Date: _____

Following are the detailed rules:

Present Simple	Present Continuous
1. things which are always true (scientific facts) Ex. Water boils at 100 degrees.	1. things which are happening at the moment of speaking Ex. The water is boiling now so you can put in the pasta.
2. permanent situations (or nearly permanent; true for a few years at least). Ex. Julie lives in London.	2. a. temporary situations Ex. Julie is living in Paris for a few months (usually she lives in London). b. situations which are slowly changing. Ex. I'm getting better and better at speaking English.
3. habits or things we do regularly. Ex. I drink coffee every morning. I usually jog in the morning.	3. temporary or new habits Ex. I'm drinking too much coffee these days because I'm so busy at work.
Time clues <ul style="list-style-type: none">- always, sometimes, usually, often, never,- every (day, week, monthetc.)	Time clues <ul style="list-style-type: none">- at the moment, right now, today, tonight, this morning/afternoon, evening.

Affirmative subject+ present verb She studies hard.	Affirmative S. + (is/are) + verb + ing She is studying.
Negative subject + (doesn't/don't) + verb(root) She doesn't study.	Negative S. + (isn't/aren't) + v. + ing She wasn't studying.
Interrogative (Does/Do) + subject + verb Does she study?	Interrogative (Was/Were) + S. + v. + ing Was she studying?

Spelling Tip (present simple)

1. To regular verbs, just add an **s**
Examples: travel - travels give - gives play - plays.
2. To verbs that end in (**s, ss, sh, ch, x, and o**), add an **es**
Examples: wash - washes mix - mixes go - goes watch - watches
3. To verbs end in y after a consonant (any letter that isn't a vowel), change the **y** to **i** and add **es**.
Examples : try- tries cry- cries

Spelling Tips (present continuous)

- 1- When the verb ends in **-e**, we take off the -e and add **-ing**
Move- moving Smile - smiling
- 2- When the verb ends in a **consonant + vowel + consonant**, we double the last consonant then we add **-ing**
Run - running swim- swimming

Test your prior knowledge

Present Simple / Present Continuous

A) Choose the correct verb form.

Mary usually **go** to school by bus.

goes
is going



Do she **visit** her grandma every Saturday?

Does
Is
visiting
visits



Listen! John **play** the violin.

plays
is playing



Is you **playing** computer games right now?

Are
Do
play
plays



I always **do** my homework after school.

does
am doing



My brother **doesn't like** geography.

don't like
doesn't likes



They **are watching** television at the moment.

watch
is watching



We **isn't fighting** at the moment.

aren't fighting
don't fight



My sister **listens** to music now.

am listening
is listening



Do your father **working** in a factory?

Does
Is
work
works



We **play** football on Sundays.

plays
are playing



She **doesn't learn** English at the moment.

don't learn
isn't learning



Uncle Tom often **drives** his car.

is driving
drive



What time **do** they **getting up**?

does
are
gets up
get up



Where is Mum?

She **am cooking** in the kitchen.

is cooking
cooks



I **doesn't take** the dog for a walk every day.

don't take
am not taking



Emma sometimes **help** her Mum with the housework.

is helping
helps



Where **are** they **living**? In a house or a flat?

does
do
lives
live



I **brush** my teeth now.

am brushing
is brushing



Bill **doesn't running** now.

isn't
run



Let's practice !

1. Complete the sentences with the present simple or the present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- a) Please be quiet! I _____(work) now!
- b) It _____(not rain) at the moment.
- c) This shop _____(open) at eight and _____(close) at six.
- d) She always _____(go) to school by bike.
- e) Pst! The baby _____(sleep).
- f) Tom always _____(get up) early in the morning.
- g) Look! Peter _____(juggle).
- h) They _____(have) their lunch at the moment.
- i) She often _____(eat) meat.
- j) I rarely _____(go) to bed before midnight.
- k) Jack never _____(have) breakfast in the morning.
- l) Look! Somebody _____(swim) in the cold river.
- m) What _____you _____(do) now? I _____(listen) to music!
- n) Ann often _____(play) tennis.
- o) Listen! The boy _____(sing) a nice song.
- p) The earth _____(move) around the sun.

2. Change the following affirmative sentences into the interrogative form and into the negative form.

- a. Sara goes to the cinema every Friday.(inter.) _____
(neg.) _____
- b. John has many friends at his old school.(inter.) _____
(neg.) _____
- c. The workers were working in the field.(inter.) _____
(neg.) _____
- d. The girls were speaking to the teacher.(inter.) _____
(neg.) _____
- e. She cooks delicious food.(inter.) _____
(neg.) _____
- f. The helper is taking the trash out.(inter.) _____
(neg.) _____
- g. My brother has a job.
(inter.) _____
(neg.) _____
- h. Joe studies law.
(inter.) _____
(neg.) _____

Write a short paragraph to describe your family's daily routine.

Write a short paragraph to describe what is going on in the classroom right now.
