

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



Listen! John **play** the violin.
 plays
 is playing



I always **do** my homework after school.
 does
 am doing



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



My sister **listens** to music now.
 am listening
 is listening



We **play** football on Sundays.
 plays
 are playing



Uncle Tom often **drives** his car.
 is driving
 drive



Where is Mum?
 She **am cooking** in the kitchen.
 is cooking
 cooks



Emma sometimes **help** her Mum with the housework.
 is helping
 helps



I **brush** my teeth now.
 am brushing
 is brushing



Do she **visit** her grandma every Saturday?
 Does visiting
 Is visits



Is you **playing** computer games right now?
 Are play
 Do plays



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



We **isn't fighting** at the moment.
 aren't fighting
 don't fight



Do your father **working** in a factory?
 Does work
 Is works



She **doesn't learn** English at the moment.
 don't learn
 isn't learning



What time **do** they **getting** up?
 does gets up
 are get up



I **doesn't take** the dog for a walk every day.
 don't take
 am not taking



Where **are** they **living**? In a house or a flat?
 does lives
 do live



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.

