

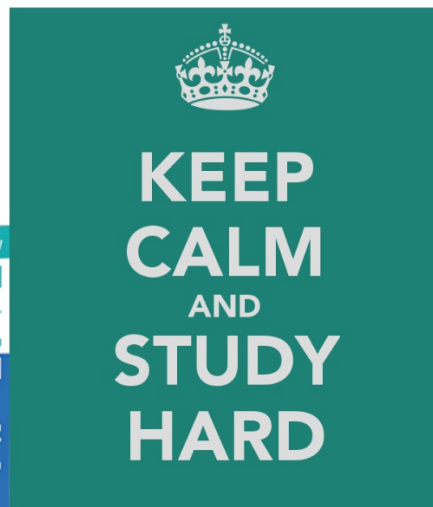
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Present Simple vs Present Continuous



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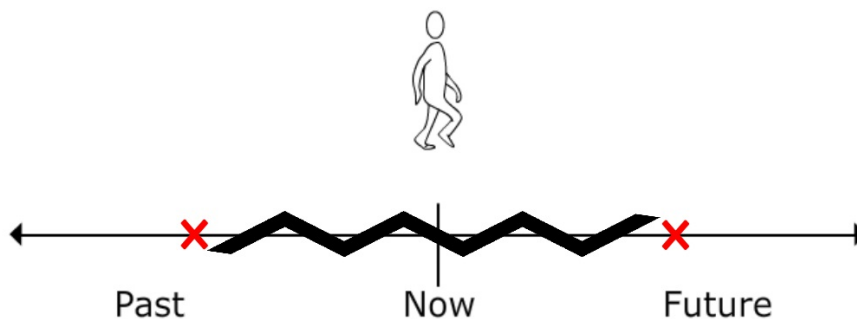
Present Simple vs Present Continuous

Present continuous = actions that are happening **now**.
These actions began **before** now and will continue **after** now.

For example...

"He is walking."

... means right now,
he is walking, as we
speak.



Like for the Past Simple, the Present Continuous tense has its own time expressions/phrases.



at the moment
now
right now
just now
for the time being
Look!
Listen!
etc.



Listen! Someone **is playing** the piano.
I can't use my car, so **I'm using** my bike **for the time being**.
I'm having a coffee **now**.

If there's no time expressions/phrases, try to visualise the context!

My sister's not watching TV.
Are you making dinner? No, I'm sweeping the floor!
(now? at the moment? etc.)

We use the Present Simple for **repeated actions**, **routines**, **generalities** or **scientific facts**.

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**Adverbs
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Frequency**

She usually goes to the cinema at the weekend.
I'm never tired when I get up in the morning.
They sometimes have lunch by the lake when it's sunny.

*Routines
Generalities*

I play tennis on Monday afternoons.
We go to work by bus.
He wakes up at 6.30 am.

**Scientific
facts**

Water boils at 100 degrees Celsius.
Earth rotates around the Sun.
Plants grow in soil.

