

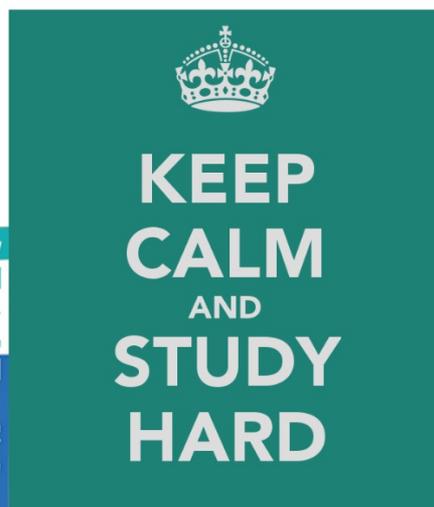
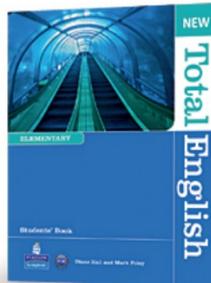
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## Welcome to the English Course

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Present Simple vs Present Continuous



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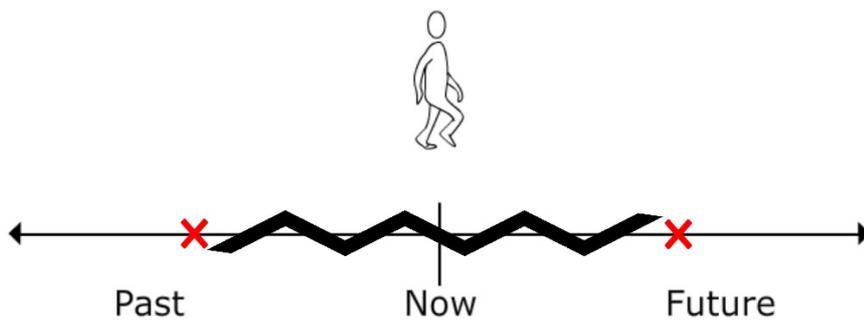
## Present Simple vs Present Continuous

**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  
of  
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.

