

SIMPLE PRESENT VS PRESENT CONTINUOUS

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

(I **am** doing)

* We use Present Continuous to describe actions **in progress (happening)** at the moment of speaking.

The water **is boiling**. Can you turn it off?

I **am going** to bed now. Good night!

Let's go out, it **isn't raining** now.

Are they **watching** cartoons now? No, they are in the kitchen.



* We use Present Continuous to talk about **temporary** situations.

I **am living** with my friends until I find a flat.

A: You **are working** hard today.

B: Yes, I have a lot to do.

SIMPLE PRESENT

(I **do** / He **does**) (am / is / are)

* We use Simple Present to describe routines (**things happen repeatedly**).

She **goes** to the library every weekend.

Water **boils** at 100 degrees Celsius.

Excuse me, **do** you speak English?

Does she **have** any children?



* We use Simple Present to talk about
permanent situations.

I **live** in New Jersey.

John **works** for Microsoft.

She **speaks** five languages.

We **are** friends.

NOTE

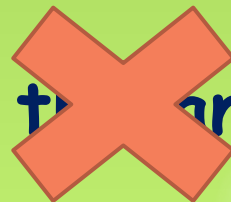
* Certain verbs like *have, believe, hope, know, like, love, hate, belong, own* CANNOT be used in the continuous tense.

* These verbs usually express a STATE not an ACTION.

I *know* the answer.

NOT

I *am knowing* the answer.



SUMMARY

PRESENT CONTINUOUS



- * actions in progress (happening) now
- * temporary situations

SIMPLE PRESENT



- * routines (things happen repeatedly)
- * permanent situations

Jack **works** every night, but he **isn't working** tonight.

routine

temporary situation

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