

SIMPLE PRESENT

Extract 1

Hello. My name is Lupita Gonzalez. **I work** in a large company in Monterrey, Mexico. **We make** bottles and cans for soft drinks. I am a secretary. I answer the telephone and take messages. I also use a fax machine and a computer. My first language is Spanish but sometimes I speak English. Many of our clients are from the United States. My supervisor is Mr. Torres. He is an engineer. I start work at 8:00. **I usually** drive to work. I have lunch from 1:00 to 2:00. **I finish** work at 5:30. I go home and help my mother prepare dinner. We have dinner at 9:00. After dinner I **usually** watch television a while. I **usually** go to bed at 11:00.

Extract 2

Frank's day begins at 6:30. **He gets up**, takes a shower and gets dressed. **He always has** breakfast and drinks a cup of coffee. Then **he goes** to the university for his classes. When **he finishes** his morning classes, he **usually eats** lunch at 12:00 in the cafeteria. At lunch, he **sometimes talks** with his friends. After lunch he goes to his afternoon classes. He usually goes home at about 5:00. He eats dinner and relaxes for a while. Sometimes he takes a walk or goes running. For the rest of the evening he reads and does homework. Frank goes to bed about 11:00. What a busy day!

Extract 3

My roommate's name is Eric. He is from Los Angeles. We get along well. He is quiet and doesn't make a lot of noise. Sometimes Eric and I have dinner together. We don't see each other much though because our schedules are really different.

Extracts 4

The earth is round

The sun rises from the east

Most children like ice cream

Mothers think that their kids will never grow up

Task 1. Complete the following table with sentences (from the text) that indicate the functions below:

Habits and routines	Facts, général truths	Thoughts and feelings	States, things staying the same, and things that are true for a long time

Task 2. What do the highlighted words in the text add to the use of the present

First category (adverbs)	Second category (subject pronouns +verbs)

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Task 3. In pairs, deduce the rules of the present use

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Task 4. Select from the text affirmative sentences and turn them into the interrogative form and the negative form. Then, in the third column, determine whether the verb used in these sentences is an auxiliary. Complete the chart below:

Affirmative sentence	Interrogative sentence	Negative sentence	Structure of the interrogative and negative forms
His name is Lupita	Is his name Lupita?	His name is not Lupita	
I answer the phone	Do I answer the phone?	I do not answer the phone	

Task 5. Look at the extracts 1 and 2 again and identify the functions of the highlighted words.

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Extract 2

Frank's day begins at 6:30. He gets up, takes a shower and gets dressed. He always has breakfast and drinks a cup of coffee. **Then** he goes to the university for his classes. **When** he finishes his morning classes, he usually eats lunch at 12:00 in the cafeteria. **At lunch**, he sometimes talks with his friends.

After lunch he goes to his afternoon classes. He usually goes home at about 5:00. He eats dinner and relaxes for a while. Sometimes he takes a walk or goes running. **For the rest of the evening** he reads and does homework. Frank goes to bed about 11:00. What a busy day!

Linkers (the organization of the text)	Time markers

Task 6: Complete the chart below with examples from your own routines

Time markers a	Adverb of frequency	Verb	Example
At	Everyday		
When	Often		
After	Usually		
Before	Always		
	Sometimes		
	Never		
	Seldom		
	Rarely		

PRESENT SIMPLE AND PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Brian is a doctor. He looks after sick people. He usually gets up at 6.00 o'clock. Today he is late, it is 6.30 and he is still in bed. He usually goes to work by train but today he is driving to work. He arrives at work at 6.30 every morning but it is 7.30 now and he is still driving.

It's 12.00 o'clock now. He always has his lunch at 12.00 but today he isn't having lunch at 12.00, he is looking after his sick patients. It is half past seven now, Brian is watching TV. He usually watches TV at half past seven because his favorite programme starts at half past seven. Brian has his dinner at 8.30 everyday and he is having dinner now.

It is 24.00 now Brian is going to bed. He always goes to bed at 24.00.

Right now I am looking at a picture of Barbara. She is not at home in the picture. She is at the park. She is sitting on a bench. She is eating her lunch. Some boys and girls are running on a patch in the park. A squirrel is sitting on the ground in front of Barbara. The squirrel is eating a nut. Barbara is watching the squirrel. She always watches squirrels when she eats her lunch in the park. Some ducks are swimming in the pond in the picture, and some birds are flying in the sky. A policeman is riding a horse. He rides a horse in the park every day. Near Barbara, a family is having a picnic. They go on a picnic every week.

He is still doing his homework

Barbara is watching the squirrel as he is eating nuts

Task 1: Pick from the texts and sentences examples that illustrate that an action is in progress

Sentence with action in progress	Its structure	Time marker	Meaning	Its negative form	Its interrogative form

Task 2: In groups deduce the rule of the present continuous

WORKSHEET 2

SUBJECT: Present Simple, Present Continuous

A) Read the paragraph and answer the questions:

Brian is a doctor. He looks after sick people. He usually gets up at 6.00 o'clock. Today he is late, it is 6.30 and he is still in bed. He usually goes to work by train but today he is driving to work. He arrives at work at 6.30 every morning but it is 7.30 now and he is still driving.

It's 12.00 o'clock now. He always has his lunch at 12.00 but today he isn't having lunch at 12.00, he is looking after his sick patients. It is half past seven now, Brian is watching TV. He usually watches TV at half past seven because his favorite programme starts at half past seven. Brian has his dinner at 8.30 everyday and he is having dinner now.

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| 1. What does Brian do? | 6. When does he always have his lunch? |
| 2. What time does he usually get up? | 7. What is he doing at 12.00 today? |
| 3. How does he usually go to work? | 8. Why does he usually watch TV at 7.30? |
| 4. Why is he driving to work today? | 9. What time does he go to bed? |
| 5. What time does he arrive at work everyday? | 10. What time is he going to bed now? |

B) Fill in the blanks with PRESENT CONTINUOUS or SIMPLE PRESENT:

1. The children (play) outside now.
2. She usually (read) the newspaper in the morning.
3. I (do) my homework now.
4. I (eat) my dinner now.
5. (you / want) a pizza?
6. They (watch) TV now.
7. I (not / like) spaghetti.
8. The baby (sleep) now.
9. My mother usually (cook) dinner in the evening.
10. He (write) a letter to his pen-friend every month.
11. She (not / like) football.
12. Mary (listen) to music now.
13. Tom usually (drink) coffee, but he (drink) tea now.
14. We (go) to the disco tonight.
15. (he / go) to work by bus everyday.

C) Read the questions & answers about ALAN and ask and answer about JUDITH.

Questions:

ALAN

1. What does Alan do?
2. How old is Alan?
3. How many days a week does he work?
4. What time does he get up?
5. What does he eat for breakfast?
6. What does he drink?
7. What does he do after breakfast?
8. What time does he leave for work?
9. Where does he have lunch?
10. What time does he come home?
11. Where does he go in the evening?
12. What time does he go to bed?

1. Alan's a lorry driver.
2. He's twenty-five years old.
3. He works five days a week.
4. He gets up at six o'clock every day.
5. He eats an enormous breakfast.
6. He drinks two cups of tea.
7. Then he kisses his wife.
8. He leaves for work at half past six.
9. He has lunch in a transport café.
10. He comes home at five o'clock.
11. In the evening he goes to the pub.
12. He goes to bed at ten o'clock.

Questions:

JUDITH

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1. secretary
2. 18
3. 5 days a week.
4. 7.30
5. cornflakes
6. orange-juice
7. parents
8. 8.15
9. in the canteen
10. home / 5.30
11. evening classes
12. eleven o'clock

D) Fill in the chart for yourself. Then look at the example. Choose and write TEN sentences from the chart:

	Always		Usually		Often		Sometimes		Never	
	Tom	You	Tom	You	Tom	You	Tom	You	Tom	You
Drink fizzy drinks	*									
buy fast food			*							
play tennis							*			
eat sweets			*							
watch TV in the evenings	*									
save money										*
listen to cassettes			*							
play computer games					*					

Example: *Tom always drinks fizzy drinks.*

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E) Now ask questions about the CHART:

Example: *How often does Tom buy fast food?*
Does Tom play tennis?

He usually buys fast food.
No, he doesn't play tennis.

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7.

He always watches TV.
 He sometimes plays tennis.
No, he doesn't save money.
 Yes, he usually listens to cassettes.
 He often plays computer games.
Yes, he always drinks fizzy drinks.
 He usually eats sweets.

F) Complete the sentences with SIMPLE PRESENT or PRESENT CONTINUOUS:

1. Susan usually (go) to school by bus, but now she (go) to school by train.
2. Mary often (read) in bed, but today she is very tired and she (not / read).
3. The boys usually (ride) their bikes to school. They (like / ride) their bikes. They (be) very naughty boys. They always (go) to school late. Today their teacher (be) very angry, because they (be) late again.
4. Mary (like / eat) sweets. Every morning she (have) coffee with a lot of sweets and chocolate. For lunch she and her friends often (eat) sweets or ice-cream. She (not / like / eat) fruit or vegetables. She (eat / never) eggs or cheese. Today she (be) sick. She (sleep) in her room now.

G) Use a preposition (ON, IN, AT, BY) in each blank:

- a. Jane goes to work bus.
- b. My birthday is March.
- c. We are going to meet 4:00 p.m.
- d. Students must go to school weekdays.
- e. Do you do play tennis the weekend?
- f. His birthday is November 5th .
- g. We have art lesson Mondays.

H) Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

Right now I am looking at a picture of Barbara. She is not at home in the picture. She is at the park. She is sitting on a bench. She is eating her lunch. Some boys and girls are running on a patch in the park. A squirrel is sitting on the ground in front of Barbara. The squirrel is eating a nut. Barbara is watching the squirrel. She always watches squirrels when she eats her lunch in the park. Some ducks are swimming in the pond in the picture, and some birds are flying in the sky. A policeman is riding a horse. He rides a horse in the park every day. Near Barbara, a family is having a picnic. They go on a picnic every week.

- a. Where is Barbara in the picture?
- b. What is she doing?
- c. What is the squirrel doing in the picture?
- d. What does Barbara always do when she has lunch in the park?
- e. What are the ducks doing?
- f. How often does the policeman ride his horse?
- g. How often does the family have a picnic at the park?

I) Write a verb in each blank. Use the correct forms of the VERBS:

1. Can you a motorbike?
2. Tim can the guitar?
3. Sam is milk at the moment?
4. "Who is that lady?"
5. "I don't"
6. Emma can Spanish and German, but her sister can't.
7. I'm my homework now.
8. "..... your name, please."
9. "G-A-R-R-Y"
10. Excuse me. Can I you a question?
11. Please go to the supermarket and some cheese.
12. He is water now because he is thirsty.
13. Every weekend they their thirsty.
14. Listen! Jack is a song.
15. Can you me, please? I can't carry these bags.
16. My dog and his cat are now. My dog doesn't like cats.
17. There is a party in Ann's house. They are playing music. and

J) Use the CORRECT TENSE:

1. Look! Jane (sing) again. She often (sing) this song.
2. My father (have) a lot of work to do every weekend.
3. The girls (not / talk) now. All of them (watch) a film.

4. you (like) watching TV?
5. He (usually / go) at 9:00 o'clock, but this morning he (leave) home late.
6. I (visit) my grandparents every Friday. My sister (often / visit) them.
7. The boys (swim) in the pool now but they (usually / swim) in the sea.
8. She(write) a letter to her pen-friend at the moment.
9. They (sometimes / have) lunch at work, but today they (have) at a restaurant.
10. She can't talk to you. She (have) a shower.
11. "Where Alex (live)?" "In France."
12. Tom (like / ride) a horse in his free times.
13. The children (play) the piano and (sing) a song at the moment.
14. My mother (always / cook) in the morning.
15. What (you / usually / do) at weekends?
16. Jane (give) a party today because it (be) her birthday.
17. The lesson (start) at 9 o'clock every morning.
18. Adam is in his room now. He (write) a letter to his pen-friend. He (always / write) him a letter.

K) Answer the questions:

1. How often do you walk to school?
2. What do you do after school?
3. What can you eat in an Italian restaurant?
4. Where does a doctor work?
5. What are you going to do next Saturday?

L) Ask questions for the underlined words:

1. ?
George often has a bath.
2. ?
Mike eats corn-flakes for breakfast every morning.
3. ?
The teacher is writing some examples on the board.
4. ?
Tom is watching a film now.
5. ?
My parents never smoke cigarettes.
6. ?
Peter and Rob go to school by service bus.
7. ?
Sam is doing his homework in his room.
8. ?
I read two books every month.

9. ?
I can't understand Hans because I don't know German.
10. ?
No, Sally isn't writing a letter now.

M) Write a question word in each blank (For example: When, How, Why, How many ..) and then match the questions with the answers:

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| 1. is your music lesson? | a) Because, I'm hungry. |
| 2. is it? | b) Fine. |
| 3. books are there in your bag? | c) Germany. |
| 4. likes James? | d) Mary. |
| 5. is your watch? | e) In the garden. |
| 6. are you? | f) In June. |
| 7. are the children? | g) It is half past two. |
| 8. your father's birthday? | h) 5. |
| 9. do you want a sandwich? | I) Tuesday. |
| 10. is she from? | j) Six. |

N) Build up sentences:

1. He / like watching TV / but / he / not / watch / at the moment / because / he / sleep //
2. What / Wendy / do / at the moment / ? // She / clean / her teeth / bathroom //
3. mother / can (-) / help me / now / because / she / cook / kitchen //
4. Where / your cousin / live / ? // She / live / Sydney / Australia //
5. Why / you / eat / sandwich / now / ? // Because / I / be / hungry //
6. Tim / usually / go / work / bicycle //
7. children / play / games / everyday //
8. My brother / can (-) / play / tennis / because / he / not / have / racket //
9. How often / mother / cook / pizza / ? //
10. My parents / not / like / roller-skates / because / they / be / dangerous //

WORKSHEET 3

SUBJECT: *Present Simple and Present Continuous*

A) Read the paragraphs and answer the questions:

Hello! My name is Douglas Hunter. I'm a pilot for British Airlines. I fly planes. I am not working today. I am playing golf. It is my favorite sport.

1. What is his name?
2. What does he do?
3. What is he doing now?
4. What is his favorite sport?

He is Gordon Lester. He is a champion jockey. He rides racehorses, but he isn't riding a racehorse now. He is dancing with his wife.

1. What is his name?
2. What does he do?
3. Is he a good jockey?
4. Where is he now?
5. What is he doing?
6. Who is he with?

They are Bob and Michael. They teach English in a school. They aren't teaching now. They are in the pub. They're talking and laughing.

1. Who are they?
2. Do they teach?
3. What do they teach?
4. Where are they now?
5. What are they doing now?

She is Rosalind Graham. She is a ballet dancer. She dances for Royal Ballet. She isn't dancing now. She is having a bath.

1. What is her name?
2. What does she do?
3. Is she dancing now?
4. What is she doing?

B) Write DON'T, DOESN'T, ISN'T, AREN'T or AM NOT in the blank space in each sentence:

- a. He *isn't* listening to the radio right now.
- b. He *doesn't* listen to the radio every evening.
- c. We watching a television program now.
- d. We watch television every day.
- e. They study their lessons after class.
- f. They studying their lessons right now.
- g. It raining very hard right at the moment.

- h. Itrain very much during the summer.
- i. Mr. Johnson eating his lunch now.
- j. Mr. Johnson always eat at that place.
- k. I see any students in that room.
- l. I hear anyone in the hall now.

C) Complete the sentences:

- 1. Every Monday my father because
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- 2. Linda usually but she
..... today.
- 3. I want to buy a because
.....
- 4. My teacher often but today
.....
- 5. At the moment the children they often
.....

D) Read the following text and answer the questions:

My name is Kate O'Hara. I live on a farm with my mother and father. I like it but I work very hard. Every morning I wake up at five o'clock and feed the horses. Then I can go back to the house. Mum makes breakfast at 5:30 and I'm not late for breakfast because I don't like cold eggs. After breakfast I help dad for an hour. Then I have a shower and get ready for school. The school bus leaves at 8:15. I leave home at 8:00.

After school I can watch TV for an hour. Then we have our dinner. We have chicken for dinner but I hate it. I eat it because mum gets angry. After dinner I do my homework. Then I go out and feed the horses. I go to bed early because I'm always very tired at the end of the day.

- 1. Where does Kate live?
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- 2. What time does she get up every morning?
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- 3. Who makes breakfast every morning?
.....
- 4. Why isn't she late for breakfast?
.....
- 5. When does she have a shower?
.....
- 6. What time does she catch the school bus?
.....
- 7. How long can she watch TV?
.....
- 8. What do they have for dinner?
.....
- 9. When does she do her homework?
.....
- 10. Why does she go to bed early?
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True or False:

1. She doesn't like the farm. _____
2. Kate doesn't work very hard. _____
3. Kate has a shower before 8:15. _____
4. Kate's mother doesn't like chicken. _____
5. After dinner Kate feeds the horses. _____

E) Complete the sentences using DO / DOES / AM / IS / ARE / HAVE GOT /HAS GOT:

1. the children want toy for their birthday?
2. Dazzle a new dress for the party.
3. When your brother's birthday?
4. How much these glasses? " 80. "
5. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson two children.
6. your uncle like chocolate?
7. I your friend?
8. How much your new tennis racket?

F) Circle the correct answer:

1. Look! Thomas is bringing / brings his little sister to class.
2. My older sister is often listening / often listens to pop music.
3. We are writing / write an exercise now.
4. Mmmm! Mum is making / makes a cake.
5. Our teacher is giving / gives us a test every month.
6. Listen! Dad is reading / reads a story to Ricky.
7. Mr. Michael usually is growing / grows roses in his garden.
8. They are building / build a new house on the hill now.
9. Maria is drinking / drinks milk every morning.
10. Look! Nick is running / runs down the hill.

G) Change the following sentences into POSITIVE, NEGATIVE and QUESTION form:

1. You know the answer.
(-)
(?)
2. He has breakfast at 8 o'clock.
(-)
(?)
3. Some schoolgirls don't wear uniforms.
(+)
(?)
4. Does she cut her husband's hair?
(+)
(-)
5. She does her homework everyday.
(-)
(?)

H) Supply PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE in the blanks:

1. He (teach) his son to ride a bike.
2. A: Why Ann (wear) her new dress?
B: Because she (have) a party tonight.
3. Cindy usually does the shopping, but I (do) it today because she is ill.
4. She (not / work), she (swim) in the river.
5. A: Tom (clean) his shoes now?
B: No, he He (tidy) his room.
A: Where is his brother?
B: He is in the garden, he (water) the flowers.

WORKSHEET 7

SUBJECT : Present Simple and Present Continuous Tense

A) Make questions and answers. Use THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS:

Example: (she / work / in Peru / this year?)
Is she working in Peru this year?

(No, she / study / in Mexico)
No. She's studying in Mexico.

1. (you / study / English / at the moment?)
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(Yes, I / work / hard.)
.....

2. (they / listen / to the radio?)
.....

(No, they / play / CDs.)
.....

3. (Peter / wash / now?)
.....

(Yes, he / have / a bath.)
.....

4. (they / live / in Madrid / at the moment?)
.....

(Yes, they / learn / Spanish.)
.....

5. (David / sing / in a group / this year?)
.....

(No, he / work / in a restaurant.)
.....

B) Write TRUE next to a correct sentence, and FALSE next to a wrong sentence:

Example: *She's liking pop music.* FALSE
He's learning German. TRUE

1. They're enjoying the film.
2. We're loving ice-cream.
3. She's believing he's right.
4. John's thinking about my idea.
5. He's having lunch at the moment.

6. She's eating a banana.
7. I'm feeling sick.
8. "Huge" is meaning "very big".
9. Mick is knowing Jane.
10. She's hating classical music.

C) Complete this conversation. Use the verbs in brackets () in the PRESENT CONTINUOUS:

Paul : Hi Steve! What are you doing?

Steve : (I / go) to the bank. What are you doing?

Paul : (I / shop). (I / look) for a new tennis racquet. (I / play) a lot of tennis at the moment, and I need a new racquet.

Steve : Where is Jackie? Do you know?

Paul : Yes. She isn't in England at the moment. She / work) in Germany for a month.

Steve : What (she / do) in Germany?

Paul :(She / sing) in a night-club.

Steve : Really? What about Fred and Sue? What(they / do)?

Paul : (They / study) for an exam. They're always in the library at the moment.

Steve : How is your sister? Is she all right?

Paul : Yes, she's fine, but she's tired. (We / paint) the living-room. It's hard work.

Steve : Can I help you?

Paul : No, it's OK. My father (help).

Steve : Well, I hope you find a good racquet.

C) This is Anna's first letter in English to David. There are some mistakes. Rewrite wrong verb forms. Underline if the verb form is correct:

Dear David,

I **live** in a large flat in Rome. I'm **having** *have* two sisters. They are called Rosa and Maria. **We are getting up** at seven o'clock every morning, and we **have** coffee and a small breakfast. I **leave** the flat at eight and walk to the university. I **am finishing** classes at five every day, and I **arrive** home at six. This month I **work** very hard for my exams.

At the moment, I **eat** breakfast in the kitchen of our flat, my mother **drinks** coffee, and my sisters **are reading** magazines.

On Saturday afternoons I **am playing** tennis with my friends, or I **go** to the cinema. Today, I'm going to see a new English film. Sometimes I **am watching** American films on TV, but I'm **not understanding** the words! **Are you liking** films?

Please write to me soon.

With best wishes,
Anna

D) Write sentences. Use the PRESENT SIMPLE or the PRESENT CONTINUOUS:

Example: (Usually she / work / at the office, but this week she / work / at home.)

Usually she works at the office, but this week she's working at home.

1. (You / not / eat / very much at the moment. Are you ill?)

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2. (She / know / three words in Italian!)

.....

3. (I / take / the bus to work this week, but usually I / walk)

.....

4. (I / study / Japanese this year. It's very difficult.)

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5. (you / watch / the television at the moment?)

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6. (I / not / remember / the name of the hotel.)

.....

7. (She / speak / three languages.)

.....

8. (The sun / shine /. It's a beautiful day!)

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