

# Present Simple or Present Continuous?

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## Present simple or present continuous?

We use the simple present and the present progressive to talk about things that take place in the present. The simple present is used for facts, permanent states, regularly occurring actions and as a narrative form for stories that take place in the present. The present progressive is used for temporary actions and to describe what is happening at the moment of speaking.

We use the simple present with:

actions that occur in a sequence, actions that occur according to an official schedule or programme, permanent actions that occur regularly with signal words such as always, often, never.

We use the present progressive with:

actions that are in progress at the moment of speaking, actions that occur at a time that is personally arranged or organized, temporary actions that occur for a short or fixed time period.

## Choose the correct verb form.

**Every morning, Peter \_ breakfast before school.**

- ☐ eats   ☐ is eating

**Right now, he \_ his homework.**

- ☐ is doing   ☐ does

**My dog \_ at the mailman every afternoon.**

- ☐ is barking   ☐ barks

**Currently, the birds \_ outside my window.**

- ☐ are chirping   ☐ chirp

**She \_ her grandmother once a week.**

- ☐ visits   ☐ is visiting

**At this moment, they \_ a game of chess.**

- ☐ are playing   ☐ play

**I \_ a book every night before bed.**

☐ read    ☐ am reading

**She \_ a picture for her art class today.**

☐ draws    ☐ is drawing

**Mark the signal words.**

Every morning, John brushes his teeth.

Maria is reading a book at this minute.

He takes a walk in the park once a week.

Currently, they are baking cookies for the bake sale.

She visits her grandmother every Sunday.

Billy is studying for his English test right now.

Every day, I feed my dog.

Sam is playing video games at the moment.

**Drag the correct verb form into the panels.**

Every morning, my brother \_\_\_\_\_ (to brush) his teeth.

Right now, the birds \_\_\_\_\_ (to chirp) outside my window.

On weekends, I \_\_\_\_\_ (to visit) my grandparents.

Grandma \_\_\_\_\_ (to bake) cookies for us at this moment.

My cat \_\_\_\_\_ (to sleep) in the afternoon everyday.

The children \_\_\_\_\_ (to play) in the park currently.

Every night, dad \_\_\_\_\_ (to read) us a bedtime story.

The sun \_\_\_\_\_ (to set) right now.

brushes, are playing, sleeps, is baking, are chirping, reads, visit, is setting

**Write the correct verb form into the panels.**

Every morning, I \_\_\_\_\_ (to eat) breakfast.

Right now, my sister \_\_\_\_\_ (to read) a book.

My dog \_\_\_\_\_ (to bark) at the mailman every day.

Currently, they \_\_\_\_\_ (to paint) a beautiful picture.

In the evenings, my father \_\_\_\_\_ (to watch) the news.

Mom \_\_\_\_\_ (to cook) dinner at the moment.

Every weekend, we \_\_\_\_\_ (to play) soccer in the park.

She \_\_\_\_\_ (to study) for her test right now.