

Present Simple or Present Continuous?

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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.

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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.

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

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.