

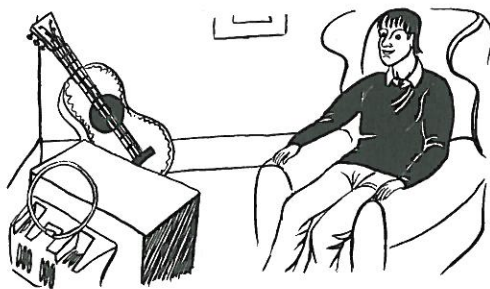
I am doing and I do (present continuous and present simple)

A

Jim is watching television.
He is *not* playing the guitar.

But Jim has a guitar.
He often plays it and he plays very well.

Jim **plays** the guitar
but he **is not playing** the guitar now.

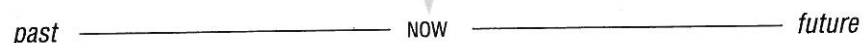


Is he **playing** the guitar? **No, he isn't.** (present continuous)
Does he **play** the guitar? **Yes, he does.** (present simple)

B

Present continuous (I am doing) – now, at the time of speaking:

I'm doing



- Please be quiet. **I'm working.** (not 'I work')
- Tom **is having** a shower at the moment. (not 'Tom has')
- Take an umbrella with you. **It's raining.**
- You can turn off the television. **I'm not watching** it.
- Why are you under the table? What **are you doing**?

C

Present simple (I do) – in general, all the time or sometimes:

I do



- I **work** every day from 9 o'clock to 5.30.
- Tom **has** a shower every morning.
- It **rains** a lot in winter.
- I **don't watch** television very often.
- What **do** you usually **do** at the weekend?

D

We do *not* use these verbs in the present continuous (I am -ing):

like	love	want	know	understand	remember	depend
prefer	hate	need	mean	believe	forget	

Use the present simple only with these verbs (I want / do you like? etc.):

- I'm tired. I **want** to go home. (not 'I'm wanting')
- 'Do you **know** that girl?' 'Yes, but I **don't remember** her name.'
- I **don't understand**. What **do** you **mean**?

EXERCISES

8.1 Answer the questions about the pictures.



- 1 Does he take photographs? **Yes, he does.** Is he taking a photograph? **No, he isn't.**
What is he doing? **He's having a bath.**
- 2 Is she driving a bus? Does she drive a bus?
What is she doing?
- 3 Does he clean windows? Is he cleaning a window?
What is he doing?
- 4 Are they teaching? Do they teach?
What do they do?

8.2 Put in **am/is/are** or **do/don't/does/doesn't**.

- Excuse me, **do** you speak English?
- 'Where's Ann?' 'I know.'
- What's funny? Why you laughing?
- 'What your sister do?' 'She's a dentist.'
- It raining. I want to go out in the rain.
- 'Where you come from?' 'Canada.'
- How much it cost to phone Canada?
- George is a good tennis player but he play very often.

8.3 Put the verb in the present continuous (I am doing) or the present simple (I do).

- Excuse me. **Do you speak** (you/speak) English?
- 'Where's Tom?' '**He's having** (he/have) a shower.'
- I don't watch** (I/not/watch) television very often.
- Listen! Somebody (sing).
- Sandra is tired. (she/want) to go home now.
- How often (you/read) a newspaper?
- 'Excuse me but (you/sit) in my place.' 'Oh, I'm sorry.'
- I'm sorry, (I/not/understand). Can you speak more slowly?
- It's late. (I/go) home now. (you/come) with me?
- What time (your father / finish) work in the evenings?
- You can turn off the radio. (I/not/listen) to it.
- 'Where's Paul?' 'In the kitchen. (he/cook) something.'
- Martin (not/usually/drive) to work. He (usually/walk).
- Sue (not/like) coffee. (she/prefer) tea.