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# Grammar Time

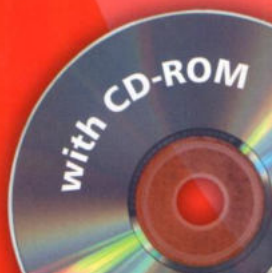
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# 1

## Present tenses (1)

### Present simple, present continuous, state verbs



**Beth:** It sounds awful!  
**Lucy:** I hate it! It's just a horrible racket!  
**Peter:** I love it! Who's playing the guitar?  
 I think he's great!



**Harry:** Dash is staying with us for a few weeks. He's got a new job in London and he's looking for a flat.  
**Peter:** Great! What do you do, Dash?  
**Dash:** I'm a music teacher.  
**Harry:** He's in a band, too! They're making their first CD! Listen to this!  
**Beth:** Well, it doesn't sound that bad ...  
**Lucy:** No, not at all. Actually ...



It's OK!

### 1 Complete the tables.

Present simple			
Positive	I / You / We / They He / She / It	live .....	
Negative	I / You / We / They He / She / It	..... not (don't) does not .....	live
Questions	Do Does	I / you / we / they he / she / it	live?

Present continuous			
Positive	I He / She / It We / You / They	..... ('m) is ..... ..... ('re)	looking
Negative	I He / She / It We / You / They	am not ..... ..... (isn't) are not .....	looking
Questions	Am Is Are	I he / she / it you / we / they	.....?

## 2 Read the information.

**Present simple****Use**

We use the present simple to talk about

- habits, repeated actions or something we do regularly

*I usually watch TV after dinner.*

*He plays the guitar in a band.*

- facts, things that are always or usually true

*Chris lives in Scotland. Hens lay eggs.*

- programmes and timetables

*Our train leaves at 8.30 a.m.*

*The film starts at 6 o'clock.*

**Time expressions**

We use these expressions with the present simple. Their place is at the beginning or the end of the sentence.

- *in (January), in the morning / the afternoon / the evening*

*The shop closes for a few days in August.*

*In the afternoon, I sit in the garden and have a cup of tea.*

- *on (Mondays / Monday), on weekdays, on (Saturday) morning / afternoon / evening*

- *at the weekend*

*We don't go to school on Sunday.*

*On Tuesday afternoon, I go to an art class.*

- *every day / week / month, once / twice / three times (etc) a week / month / year*

*I drink two glasses of milk every day.*

*They go on holiday twice a year.*

**Adverbs of frequency**

We use adverbs of frequency to show how often we do something. Usually, their place is before the main verb or after the verb *be*.

- *always, usually, often, sometimes, never*

*My sister sometimes borrows my clothes.*

*Do they usually stay up late?*

*I'm always hungry.*

*This door is never closed.*

**Present continuous****Use**

We use the present continuous to talk about

- something that is happening now (at the moment or for a longer period).

*Mum is talking on the phone right now.*

*He's taking driving lessons this month.*

- temporary situations, something that is happening this time only

*I'm staying at my grandmother's for a few days.*

*She usually takes the bus to school, but today she's walking.*

**Time expressions**

We use these time expressions with the present continuous. Their place is at the beginning or the end of the sentence

- *at the moment, now, right now, today, this week / month / year, these days*

*It isn't raining at the moment.*

*He's working hard these days.*

## 3 Complete with the present simple.

1 My dad usually *drives* ..... to work. (drive)

2 Their plane ..... at 9 a.m. (leave)

3 We ..... meat every day. (not eat)

4 What time ..... they .....? (get up)

5 I never ..... this computer. (use)

6 I'm a musician. What ..... you .....? (do)

7 She ..... coffee. (not drink)

## 4 Complete with the present continuous.

1 I can't go out. *I'm doing* ..... my homework. (do)

2 Sandra ..... jeans today. (not wear)

3 ..... your cousin ..... with you these days? (live)

4 Sorry, ..... you ..... to me? (talk)

5 What ..... they ..... here? (do)

6 Ethan and I ..... the match on TV. (watch)

7 He ..... very fast. (not run)



## 5 Match.

- |   |                                  |
|---|----------------------------------|
| 1 He plays the piano.<br>He's playing the piano.                                | <del>happening now</del><br>fact |
| 2 They're staying at a hotel.<br>They often stay at a hotel.                    | temporary<br>repeated action     |
| 3 I always have cereal for breakfast.<br>I'm having cereal for breakfast today. | this time only<br>habit          |
| 4 The sun is setting. Isn't it beautiful?<br>The sun sets in the West.          | happening now<br>fact            |
| 5 The film starts at 10 o'clock.<br>Shh! The film is starting!                  | happening now<br>programme       |

## 6 Circle the correct answer.

- Can I call you back? We have / are having lunch at the moment.
- Elizabeth doesn't eat / isn't eating red meat. She's a vegetarian.
- What do you do / are you doing right now?
- We don't watch / aren't watching TV in the morning.
- She wants to live in Brighton but she lives / is living in London at the moment.
- I don't cook / 'm not cooking today. There are sandwiches in the fridge.
- Do they look / Are they looking for a new car?
- The match usually finishes / is finishing at 8 o'clock.
- Look! The red hen lays / is laying an egg!
- We don't usually listen / aren't usually listening to this kind of music.

## 7 Complete with the present simple or the present continuous.

- I get up ..... at 7 o'clock on weekdays. (get up)
- Hurry up! John ..... for you outside the cinema. (wait)
- What ..... you usually ..... at the weekends? (do)
- Dad ..... to the office today. It's a bank holiday. (not go)
- ..... they ..... at the moment? (work)
- We ..... cake for breakfast every day. (not have)
- ..... she ..... her grandparents every week? (visit)
- They ..... for their final exam at the moment. (study)
- I ..... to this radio show every week. (listen)
- The sun ..... today! (shine)

## 8 Circle the correct answer.

- Alex is sleeping at the moment / every day.
- Are you leaving right now / every weekend?
- They practice every day / today.
- We aren't staying at a hotel every year / this time.
- Henry and I play football at the weekend / right now.
- Is it raining every evening / at the moment?
- Does she wash her hands today / before she starts cooking?
- We do the shopping this month / on Saturdays.
- The restaurant is doing a special deal on pizzas this week / every week: buy one, get one free!
- This shop doesn't open right now / on Sundays.

## 9 Choose and complete.

Peter <sup>1</sup> *usually* ..... walks to school, but <sup>2</sup> ..... he's riding his bike. <sup>3</sup> ..... , he has football practice after school and he doesn't want to be late.  
(on Mondays, usually, today)



It is 3 p.m. Beth is playing a computer game <sup>4</sup> .....  
She <sup>5</sup> ..... reads a book, but she never watches TV <sup>6</sup> .....  
(sometimes, in the afternoon, at the moment)



<sup>7</sup> ..... , Lucy relaxes in her room. She <sup>8</sup> ..... listens to music or writes emails to her friends. <sup>9</sup> ..... , she's painting Cosmo's portrait.  
(often, Right now, on Sunday evening)



## 10 Read and complete. Use the present simple or the present continuous.

## TeenLink

## Interview of the week

Welcome to this year's first issue of *TeenLink* magazine. This week our school is helping to reforest Belview Hill. Beth Banks interviewed Martin Chapman, the chairman of our local committee for the preservation of the environment.



Chairman Chapman at work.

- Beth: You <sup>1</sup> *'re working*... (work) very hard today.  
Martin: Yes, we are. We <sup>2</sup> ..... (plant) more trees.  
Beth: Why <sup>3</sup> ..... (you / do) this?  
Martin: Well, it usually <sup>4</sup> ..... (rain) a lot in this area and the water <sup>5</sup> ..... (carry) the soil away. We often <sup>6</sup> ..... (have) floods. So we need more trees. Trees are important because their roots <sup>7</sup> ..... (keep) the soil in its place.  
Beth: Who's helping you today?  
Martin: A lot of local people. Some people <sup>8</sup> ..... (dig) holes and others <sup>9</sup> ..... (water) the trees. Many of your schoolmates <sup>10</sup> ..... (help), too, so we <sup>11</sup> ..... (do) the work fast.  
Beth: I often <sup>12</sup> ..... (help) my dad in the garden. Is there anything I can do?



## 11 Read the information.

**State verbs**

Some verbs describe a state, not an action.

These verbs do not have a continuous form. We use them only in the present simple form. These verbs are:

- see, look, hear, sound, smell, taste, feel
- like, dislike, love, hate, prefer, not mind
- think, know, believe, seem, remember, forget, remind, understand, realise
- have (= possess), want, need, mean, own, belong, cost

*This music sounds horrible!*

~~*This music is sounding horrible!*~~

*I think he's very good.*

~~*I'm thinking he's very good.*~~

Some state verbs can be both state and action verbs depending on their meaning. As state

verbs they do not have a continuous form, but as action verbs they do. Look at these examples:

- *She has her MP3 player with her today.*  
(have = possess, state verb)
- *She's having lunch with her friends today.*  
(have lunch = eat, action verb)
- *I think you're right.*  
(think = believe, have an opinion, state verb)
- *What are you thinking about?* (think = what goes through our mind, active verb)

Other verbs like these are:

State verb	Action verb
see	see (= meet)
look (= appear)	look
smell (= have an odour)	smell
feel (= have texture)	feel (= give an impression)

## 12 Cross out the wrong sentence.

- ~~Is this perfume smelling nice?~~  
Does this perfume smell nice?
- She has two cats and a goldfish.  
She's having two cats and a goldfish.
- I'm thinking it's a good idea.  
I think it's a good idea!
- This book looks very old.  
This book is looking very old.
- Why do you smell the cheese? Is it off?  
Why are you smelling the cheese? Is it off?
- Harry can't come to the phone. He's having a shower.  
Harry can't come to the phone. He has a shower.
- Why are you looking at me like that? Is there something on my face?  
Why do you look at me like that? Is there something on my face?
- I don't know what to do. I'm thinking about it.  
I don't know what to do. I think about it.

## 13 Complete with the present simple or the present continuous.

- Their new CD is great! What do you think? (think)
- There's Jenny! She ..... at us! (wave)
- I ..... his story. I ..... he's lying. (not believe, think)
- ..... you ..... your first toy? (remember)
- She ..... blue cheese. She never eats it. (hate)
- I'm not sure I can buy this bike. I ..... it's too expensive. (think)
- ..... this bag ..... to Pam? (belong)
- Paul ..... very cheerful these days. (not seem)
- Timothy ..... a music lesson at the moment. (have)
- They ..... a word! They can't speak our language. (not understand)
- You can go out with your friends. I .....! (not mind)
- What ..... this word .....? (mean)

## 14 Read and choose the correct answer.

## TeenLink



Hello! My name's Beth Banks. 1 Do you remember me?

I 2 ..... this note to introduce myself and my friends to our new readers: I'm twelve years old and I 3 ..... to the same school as Harry, Peter and Lucy.

Harry Davis is the Editor of the school magazine, *TeenLink*. He 4 ..... what goes into the magazine. He's a good friend and he 5 ..... something good about my work; I usually take photos and 6 ..... some of the articles. But these days, I 7 ..... for an important French exam, so I 8 ..... much time for the magazine.

Peter Hardy is fourteen years old and he's in the same class as Harry. He 9 ..... jokes and food! He's with me at the moment; he 10 ..... his third ice cream!

Lucy is Peter's sister. She's only eleven but she's got a great talent: she 11 ..... like a real artist! At the moment, she 12 ..... the violin. Unfortunately, she hasn't got any talent for music!

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|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 a You remember | b Are you remembering | <u>c Do you remember</u> |
| 2 a write        | b am writing          | c writing                |
| 3 a 'm going     | b goes                | c go                     |
| 4 a decides      | b is deciding         | c does decide            |
| 5 a always says  | b says always         | c is always saying       |
| 6 a writes       | b writing             | c write                  |
| 7 a study        | b am studying         | c studying               |
| 8 a not have     | b don't have          | c hasn't                 |
| 9 a loves        | b love                | c is loving              |
| 10 a eat         | b eats                | c is eating              |
| 11 a paint       | b is painting         | c paints                 |
| 12 a plays       | b is playing          | c play                   |

## 15 Write about you, your friends and / or family.

Write about what you usually do, how you spend your time, your likes and dislikes.

Write about what you are doing at the moment, or these days.

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