



# PRESENT TENSES

PRESENT SIMPLE, PRESENT CONTINUOUS, ACTIVE VS PASSIVE



# PRESENT SIMPLE

# FORM

## THE VERB BE

+ am / is / are

You are English.

- am not / isn't / aren't

You aren't English.

? am / is / are

Are you English?

## OTHER VERBS

+ [verb] + s/es (3<sup>rd</sup> person singular)

You speak English.

- don't / doesn't + [verb]

You don't speak English.

? do / does + [verb]

Do you speak English?

# USE

1. When something is generally or always true
  - People need food.
2. Permanent situations
  - She works in a bank.
3. Habits
  - I play tennis every Tuesday.
4. Sports commentary
  - He takes the ball, he runs down the wing, and he scores!

5. Timetable or a fixed plan (future use)

- School begins at nine tomorrow.

6. Time clauses (future use)

- I won't go out until it stops raining.

7. First and zero conditionals

- If it rains, we won't come.

# SPELLING OF THE HE / SHE / IT FORM:

- Most verbs just add –s to the base form of the verb
  - wants**s**, eats**s**, helps**s**, ect.
- Add –es to verbs that end in –ss, –sh, –ch, –x, and –o.
  - kiss**es**, wash**es**, watch**es**, fix**es**, go**es**, etc.
- Verbs that end in a consonant and –y change the y to –ies
  - carri**es**, fl**ies**, worri**es**, tri**es**, etc.

# ADVERBS OF FREQUENCY

We often use adverbs of frequency with Present Simple. They go before the main verb, but after the verb be. Sometimes and usually can also be used at the beginning of the end of a sentence.

0% ————— 50% ————— 100%  
never rarely hardly ever not often sometimes often usually always

- School usually starts at 7.30 AM.
- We're rarely home at the weekend.
- Sometimes we play cards.



**PRESENT  
CONTINUOUS**



# FORM

am / is / are + (not) + present participle (-ing form)

+ You are watching TV.

- You aren't watching TV.

? Are you watching TV.

! Some verbs cannot be used in any Continuous Tense (e. g. abstract verbs, possession verbs, emotion verbs)

# USE

1. Actions happening at the moment of speaking
  - Julie is sleeping.
2. Temporary situations
  - She's staying with her friend for a week.
3. Temporary or new habits
  - She's swimming every morning.
4. Irregular or annoying habits
  - You're forever losing your keys!
5. Definite future arrangements
  - I'm meeting my father tomorrow.



# ACTIVE AND PASSIVE

# ACTIVE / PASSIVE VOICE

Active voice:

The professor teaches the students.  
subject verb object  
doing action receiving action

Passive voice:

The students are taught by the professor.  
subject verb  
receiving action doing action

Passive voice is used, when the thing or person doing the action is unknown or unimportant, so it is often omitted.

# FORM

Present Simple: AM / IS / ARE + PAST PARTICIPLE

- Most workers are paid monthly.
- Is service included in the bill?

Present Continuous: AM / IS / ARE BEING + PAST PARTICIPLE

- This road is being widened.
- Are you being served?



# EXERCISES

### **Present Simple Form (with the verb 'be'):**

- [Present Simple Positive with 'be'](#)
- [Present Simple Negative with 'be'](#)
- [Present Simple Yes / No Questions with 'be'](#)
- [Present Simple 'Wh' Questions with 'be'](#)
- [Present Simple Mixed Exercise 1 with 'be'](#)
- [Present Simple Mixed Exercise 2 with 'be'](#)

### **Present Simple Form (with all verbs except 'be'):**

- [Present Simple Positive 1](#)
- [Present Simple Positive 2](#)
- [Present Simple Negative 1](#)
- [Present Simple Negative 2](#)
- [Present Simple Yes / No Questions](#)
- [Present Simple 'Wh' Questions](#)
- [Present Simple Mixed Forms 1](#)
- [Present Simple Mixed Forms 2](#)
- [Present Simple Mixed Forms 3](#)
- [Present Simple Mixed Forms Be and Other Verbs](#)
- [Present Simple Spelling Changes](#)

### **Present Continuous Form:**

- [Present Continuous Positive and Negative 1](#)
- [Present Continuous Positive and Negative 2](#)
- [Present Continuous 'Wh' and 'Yes / No' Questions 1](#)
- [Present Continuous 'Wh' and 'Yes / No' Questions 2](#)
- [Present Continuous Mixed Exercise 1](#)
- [Present Continuous Mixed Exercise 2](#)
- [Present Continuous Mixed Exercise 3](#)

### **Present Simple or Present Continuous?**

- [Choose the Present Simple or Present Continuous Exercise 1](#)
- [Choose the Present Simple or Present Continuous Exercise 2](#)
- [Choose the Present Simple or Present Continuous Exercise 3](#)