

ACTIVATING PRESENT SIMPLE AND PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Hi ! Are you ready to learn and laugh? Well, here we go.

In this activity you **will activate** your **previous knowledge** about **Present Simple** and **Present Continuous** and **when to use each of them according to the situation**.

Activity 1

In this activity you have to complete a number of English jokes with the missing auxiliaries of the Simple Present.

1 The Present Simple

Use *do*, *does*, *don't* or *doesn't* to complete the jokes:

- 1 What type of car your dad drive?
> I know the name, but it starts with a "P".
That's strange, our car starts with a key.
- 2 you ever have problems making up your mind?
> Well, yes and no.
- 3 Dad, a dishwasher wash dishes?
> Yes, Billy. That's right.
And a bus driver drive buses?
> Yes.
And a weightlifter lift weights?
> Yes. Why all the questions?
Well, a shoplifter lift shops?
- 4 What ants take when they are ill?
> I know.
ANTibiotics!
- 5 What your father do for a living?
> As little as possible!
- 6 What you clean your top teeth with?
> A toothbrush, of course.
And what you clean your bottom with?
> The same.
Really! I use paper!
- 7 you love me?
> Of course, darling.
But you love me with all your heart?
> With all my heart, with all my liver, all my kidneys ...
- 8 this train go to York?
> That's right, sir. Change at Leeds.
What! I want my change here. I'm not waiting until Leeds.
- 9 Mrs Smith have soft and lovely hands like you, mummy. Why is that?
> Because our servants do all the housework!
- 10 Mum, God go to the bathroom?
> No, son, why you ask?
Well, every morning dad goes to the bathroom, knocks on the door and shouts,
"Oh God! Are you still in there?"



Activity 2

In this exercise you have to correct some sentences, complete text messages, short conversations and write original sentences to demonstrate you know when and how to use both verbal tenses.

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I can talk about what I usually do and what I'm doing now.

1 Some of the verbs in these sentences are incorrect. Correct them if necessary.

1 She's driving to work every day.
She drives to work every day. _____

2 Do you need any help?

3 What are you doing on Friday evening?

4 I wear trainers today.

5 I don't like fast food.

6 Look. That man wears pink shoes.

7 'What's Sam doing?' 'He's a dentist.'

2 Complete the text messages with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Hi, Zoe. Help!

Hey, Ryan. ¹_____ you _____ (have) a bad day? Where are you?

I'm in town. I ²_____ (shop) with my mum. ☹️

Oh dear. What ³_____ you _____ (look for)?

A smart suit and shoes. I ⁴_____ (never / wear) smart clothes! I only ⁵_____ (like) T-shirts and trainers.

I ⁶_____ (know). Why ⁷_____ you _____ (need) a suit?

I ⁸_____ (go) to my uncle's birthday party this Saturday. ☹️

3 Complete the pairs of sentences with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

1 a _____ you _____ (come) with us to the cinema?
 b Where _____ you _____ (come) from?

2 a She never _____ (wear) jeans to school.
 b I _____ (wear) a new top. Do you like it?

3 a _____ she _____ (see) Martin very often?
 b _____ you _____ (see) Oliver this evening?

4 a My sister _____ (play) bass in a rock band.
 b Jo _____ (play) the guitar. What a terrible noise!

5 a I _____ (hate) this ice cream. It tastes funny.
 b I _____ (enjoy) this pizza. It tastes great.

4 Complete the conversation. Use the present continuous.

Millie What ¹_____ you _____ (do)?

Tom I ²_____ (text) Harry. We ³_____ (go) to a football match on Saturday.

Millie Can I come? ... Why ⁴_____ you _____ (laugh)?

Tom You don't like football! You only want to go because Harry ⁵_____ (go)!

Millie That's not fair. I won't go then. What ⁶_____ you _____ (do) in the evening?

Tom I ⁷_____ (go) to the cinema. But Harry ⁸_____ (not go). Do you want to come?

Millie No, thanks.

5 Look again at exercise 4. Decide whether the present continuous is being used (a) for something that is happening now or (b) for an arrangement in the future. Write a or b.

1 ___ 3 ___ 5 ___ 7 ___
 2 ___ 4 ___ 6 ___ 8 ___

Challenge!

Write six sentences. Use the present simple or present continuous.

Two things that happen *always, often, sometimes or never*.

1 _____
 2 _____

Two things that are happening *now*.

3 _____
 4 _____

Two arrangements for the future.

5 _____
 6 _____

Activity 3

What do you do when you compare both verbal tenses?

Do you think it is necessary to compare them? Why? Support your answer.

Could you please write down your answers?