

# Present simple vs. present continuous

Present  
simple



Amanda sings well.

Present  
continuous



Amanda is ~~sing~~ well.

Present simple and continuous

Martin plays football every Saturday.

He isn't playing football now.

He's sleeping!



## Present continuous

Martin **is playing** football.






What does Luke do after school

He **always** watches TV.

He **sometimes** rides his bike.

He **never** listens to music.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓
	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗



THINK



# Can you remember the rules?

Use the present simple to talk about:

**habits**

**routines**

things that are **generally** or **always true**.

Use the present continuous to talk about:

things that are happening **at**  
or **around the time of speaking**.

These verbs are **almost never** used in the **present continuous**:

*believe, know, understand, mean, like, hate, want, need, remember*



## Speaking

Ask people in your class to find someone who ...

- is wearing something green
- hates pizza

Are you **wearing** anything green?

- is thinking about going to the cinema this weekend
- knows the word *hello* in more than 3 languages

No, I'm not.

- is feeling very happy
- walks to school
- has a new hobby

Do you **like** pizza?

- is writing with a blue pen!
- wants to go to the park after school

No, I don't hate it!

## Speaking

Work in pairs. Compare your answers.

Tom **is wearing** green socks.

Marta **is wearing** green socks, too!

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