

Present Simple and Present Continuous

Present Simple

We use to talk about:

- Things are happen generally
- Things are generally true

Ex.: I usually come back from school at 4 p.m.

Present Continuous

We use to talk about:

- Things happening now or around now

*Ex.: My brother is swimming in the sea.
(now)*

Verbs not used in the continuous

Some verbs (called state verbs) are not usually used in a Continuous tense:

1. Verbs about knowing or not knowing: *believe, doubt, imagine, know, remember, realise, suppose, understand*
 2. Verbs about appearance: *appear, resemble, seem*
 3. Verbs about liking and not liking: *hate, like, love, prefer*
 4. Verbs about possession: *belong, need, own, possess, want, wish*
 5. Verbs about the senses: *hear, see, smell, taste*
 6. Some other verbs: *be, come from, contain, include*
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Present Simple

We use to talk about:

- Timetables
- Feelings and emotions

*Ex.: The train leaves at 6 a.m.
I love skiing.*

Present Continuous

We use to talk about:

- Something that is changing
- Future arrangements

Ex.: Mary is getting more and more beautiful.

He is playing tennis this afternoon.

Present Continuous

We use Pr.Cont. with **always** to express annoyance or criticism.

Ex.: She is always losing her keys.

Present Simple

*Usually, often,
always, every ...,
in the morning/...,
at night/the
weekend, on
Fridays.*

Present Continuous

*Now, at the moment,
at present, these
days, nowadays,
still, today, tonight,
always**