

Present simple and present continuous

Present simple
<p>We use the present simple to talk about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> regular habits and routines. <i>We usually go rollerblading at the weekend.</i> permanent situations. <i>David lives in Manchester.</i> scientific facts. <i>Water boils at 100°C.</i> states, not actions, e.g. like, believe, know. <i>She doesn't like chorizo.</i>
Present continuous
<p>We use the present continuous to talk about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> something that is happening now or 'around now'. <i>They're playing tennis at the moment.</i> temporary situations. <i>He's visiting his grandparents in Ibiza.</i> changing or developing situations. <i>The number of car accidents every year is increasing.</i> future arrangements. <i>She's going to the cinema this evening.</i>

1 Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the present simple or the present continuous.

- At the moment Linda (**work**) as a motorcycle courier.
- Tom often (**not go**) to the Cyber café.
- Excuse me. you (**know**) how to get to Church Street?
- What you (**listen to**)?
- Juan (**work**) for the Iberia airline. He's a pilot.
- In the summer, the sun (**rise**) at five o'clock in the morning.
- I (**not like**) my gym. I (**not get**) fit fast enough!
- Tom and I (**go**) to the beach this weekend.

2 Complete the text. Use the correct form of the present simple or present continuous.

It's the year 2100. Ben ¹..... (**be**) a computer programmer and he ²..... (**live**) on the moon. Every day at 18.00 he ³..... (**finish**) work at the space station and ⁴..... (**go**) to the Matrix café.

It's 18.30 and Ben ⁵..... (**look out**) of the café window at the space cars flying by.

Every day he ⁶..... (**watch**) the same space cars, but today is different. Ben ⁷..... (**not sit**) alone. There ⁸..... (**be**) a girl at his table. She ⁹..... (**read**) a digital magazine. The girl is very beautiful. She ¹⁰..... (**have got**) short, orange hair and yellow eyes. She ¹¹..... (**wear**) a green space suit.

¹²..... I (**know**) you?' she asks.

'I ¹³..... (**not think**) so,' says Ben. 'I'm Ben. What's your name?'

3 Write the questions. Use the present simple or the present continuous. Then answer the questions.

- What / you / do / next weekend?
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- How often / you / go / to the cinema?
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- What time / you / usually / get up?
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- What / you / wear / today?
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