

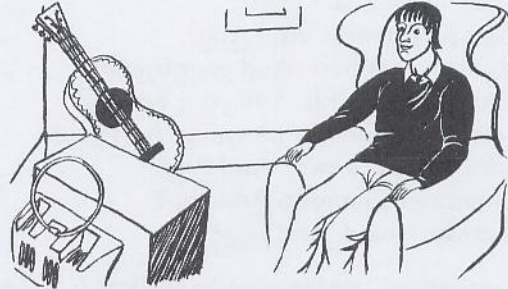
I am doing and I do (present continuous and present simple)

A

Jim is watching television.
He is *not* playing the guitar.

But Jim has a guitar.
He often plays it and he plays very well.

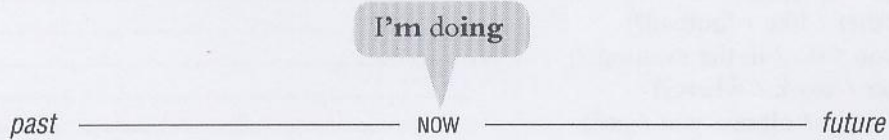
Jim **plays** the guitar
but he **is not playing** the guitar now.



Is he **playing** the guitar? **No, he isn't.** (*present continuous*)
Does he **play** the guitar? **Yes, he does.** (*present simple*)

B

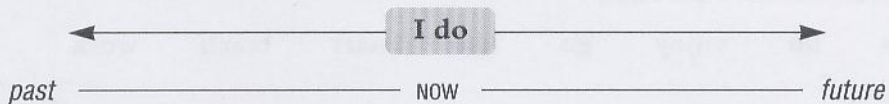
Present continuous (I am doing) – now, at the time of speaking:



- Please be quiet. **I'm working.** (*not 'I work'*)
- Tom **is having** a shower at the moment. (*not 'Tom has'*)
- Take an umbrella with you. **It's raining.**
- You can turn off the television. **I'm not watching** it.
- Why are you under the table? What **are you doing?**

C

Present simple (I do) – in general, all the time or sometimes:



- I **work** every day from 9 o'clock to 5.30.
- Tom **has** a shower every morning.
- It **rains** a lot in winter.
- I **don't watch** television very often.
- What **do** you usually **do** at the weekend?

D

We do *not* use these verbs in the present continuous (**I am -ing**):

like	love	want	know	understand	remember	depend
prefer	hate	need	mean	believe	forget	

Use the present simple only with these verbs (**I want / do you like?** etc.):

- I'm tired. **I want** to go home. (*not 'I'm wanting'*)
- **'Do you know** that girl?' 'Yes, but I **don't remember** her name.'
- I **don't understand.** What **do** you **mean?**

I do/work/like etc. (present simple)

A



They're looking at their books.
They **read** a lot.



He's eating an ice-cream.
He **likes** ice-cream.

They **read** / he **likes** / I **work** etc. = the *present simple*:

I/we/you/they	read	like	work	live	watch	do	have
he/she/it	reads	likes	works	lives	watches	does	has

Remember:

he works / **she lives** / **it rains** etc.

- **I work** in a shop. **My brother works** in a bank. (*not* 'My brother work')
- **Linda lives** in London. **Her parents live** in Scotland.
- **It rains** a lot in winter.

I have → he/she/it **has**:

- **John has** a shower every day.

Spelling (⇒ Appendix 5):

- es after -s / -sh / -ch: pass → passes finish → finishes watch → watches
- y → -ies: study → studies try → tries
- also: do → does go → goes

B

We use the present simple for things that are true in general, or for things that happen sometimes or all the time:

- I **like** big cities.
- The shops **open** at 9 o'clock and **close** at 5.30.
- Tim **works** very hard. He **starts** at 7.30 and **finishes** at 8 o'clock in the evening.
- The Earth **goes** round the Sun.
- We **do** a lot of different things in our free time.
- It **costs** a lot of money to stay at luxury hotels.

C

always/never/often/sometimes/usually + present simple

- Sue **always arrives** at work early. (*not* 'Sue arrives always')
- I **usually go** to work by car but sometimes I **walk**. (*not* 'I go usually')
- Julia **never eats** breakfast.
- Tom lives near us. We **often see** him.

I don't ... (negative) ⇒ **UNIT 6**

Do you ... ? (questions) ⇒ **UNIT 7**

I am doing and I do ⇒ **UNIT 8**

always/usually/often etc. (word order) ⇒ **UNIT 93**

I am doing (present continuous)

A



She's **eating**.
She **isn't** reading.



It's **raining**.
The sun **isn't** shining.



They're **running**.
They **aren't** walking.

The present continuous is:
am/is/are + doing/eating/running/writing etc.

I	am	(not)	-ing	I'm working.	
he	}	is	(not)	-ing	Chris is writing a letter.
she					She isn't eating. (or She's not eating.)
it					The phone is ringing.
we	}	are	(not)	-ing	We're having dinner.
you					You're not listening to me. (or You aren't ...)
they					The children are doing their homework.

B **am/is/are + -ing** = something is happening *now*:

I'm working
she's wearing a hat
they're playing football
I'm not watching television

past ————— NOW ————— future

- Please be quiet. I'm **working**. (= I'm working now)
- Look at Sue! She's **wearing** her new hat. (= she is wearing it now)
- The weather is nice at the moment. It's **not** raining.
- 'Where are the children?' 'They're **playing** in the park.'
- (on the phone) We're **having** dinner now. Can you phone again later?
- You can turn off the television. I'm **not** watching it.

Spelling (⇒ Appendix 5):

come → coming write → writing dance → dancing
run → running sit → sitting swim → swimming
lie → lying

am/is/are ⇒ UNIT 1 are you doing? (questions) ⇒ UNIT 4 I am doing and I do ⇒ UNIT 8
What are you doing tomorrow? ⇒ UNIT 26