

Unit Three

Present continuous and present simple

Present continuous	Present simple
I am doing	I do
The water is boiling now.	The water boils at 100 degrees Celsius.
What language are those people speaking?	Do you speak English?
Let's go out. It isn't raining now.	It doesn't rain very much in summer.

Usually we say 'I always do something. Ex: I always go to work by car.

We can also say "I'm always doing something. Ex: I'm always losing things. Which means too often.

Exercises:

3.1 Are the underlined verbs right or wrong? Correct the verbs that are wrong.

- 1- Look! That man tries to open the door of your car.
- 2-Can you hear those people? What do they talk about?
- 3-The moon goes round the earth.
- 4-I must go now. It gets late.
- 5-I usually go to work by car.

3.2 Put the verb in the correct form, present continuous or present simple.

- 1- Julia (speak) four languages very well.
- 2-.....(you/ listen) to the radio? "No, you can turn it off."
- 3-The River Nile..... (flow) into the Mediterranean.
- 4-We usually..... (grow) vegetables in our garden but this year we (not/ grow) any.
5-Usually I(enjoy) parties but I(not/enjoy) this one very much.

Unit Four

The following verbs are not normally used in continuous tenses:

Like love hate want need prefer know realize suppose mean
Understand believe remember belong contain consist depend
seem see hear smell taste

You can use the present simple or continuous when you say how somebody looks or feels now.

Examples:

You **look** well today, or You're **looking** well today.

How **do** you **feel** now ? or How **are** you **feeling** now?

The present continuous of **be** is : I am being

He is being

You are being

Exercise:

Complete the sentences using the most suitable form of be. Sometimes you must use the simple (am/ is/ are) and sometimes the continuous is more suitable (am/ is/ are being).

- 1- I can't understand whyso selfish. He isn't usually like that.
- 2-Jack.....very nice to me at the moment.
- 3-you'll like Jill when you meet her. Shevery nice.
- 4-Normally you are very sensible, so why.....so silly about this matter?
- 5-Why isn't Sarah at work today?ill?

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