



A

It's Saturday and they're playing golf. They usually play golf on Saturdays.



B

Margaret lives in Madrid, but this summer she is visiting her sister in Paris.



C

The plane to Stockholm leaves at 4 o'clock, so Rob is flying in 30 minutes.



D

The Earth orbits around the sun.

Why are you always interrupting me?



E

Use

We use the **present simple** for:

- **daily routines, habits, repeated actions usually with adverbs of frequency** (usually, always, etc).
Sharon usually goes to work at 9 am.
- **permanent states.**
She lives in Paris. She is a teacher.
- **timetables and programmes** (buses, trains, etc).
The concert starts at 7 o'clock.
- **general truths and laws of nature.**
The sun rises in the east. (law of nature)

Time words/phrases used with the **present simple**:
every hour/day/week/month/summer/year, etc, usually, always, every morning/afternoon/evening/night, in the morning/afternoon/evening, at midday, at night, etc

We use the **present continuous** for:

- **actions happening at the moment of speaking.**
She is making dinner at the moment.
- **temporary actions happening around the time of speaking.**
David is studying for his exams these days.
- **fixed arrangements in the near future.**
They are taking the train to Rome in 30 minutes.
- With **always** to express our **annoyance** at actions happening too often.
You're always using the computer! Let me have a turn!

Time words/phrases used with the **present continuous**: *now, at the moment, at present, these days, tomorrow, etc*

Stative Verbs

Some verbs don't have continuous forms because they describe a state, not an action. Some of these are: **like, love, hate, want, know, need, believe, understand, remember, forget, sound, cost.** *I like your new friend.* (NOT: ~~I'm liking~~ your new friend.) *I believe the play starts at 8.* (NOT: ~~I'm believing~~ the play starts at 8.) *I need a piece of paper.* (NOT: ~~I'm needing~~ a piece of paper.) *Do you remember Kevin?* (NOT: ~~Are you remembering~~ Kevin?).

24 Look at pictures (A-E) and underline all the verbs. a) Identify the tense of each verb. b) Which use of the tense does each verb show?

25 Clara is on holiday. Her daily routine is different. Look at the pictures and use the prompts to tell your partner what Clara usually does and what she is doing now.



A

in the morning

- get up at 7:00
- sleep till 10:00



B

in the afternoon

- go to lessons
- hang out with friends



C

in the evening

- do her homework
- play computer games



D

at night

- go to bed early
- stay up late

Clara usually gets up at 7:00 in the morning, but today she is sleeping till 10:00.