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**English**

**(Present Continuous Tense)**

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## **Present Continuous Tense**

### **Use the Present Continuous for:**

- 1) Something that is happening now or close to the time of speaking
- 2) A temporary situation

### **Present Continuous Tense**

#### **1) Action happening now or close to time of speaking:**

- Where's Tom? He's playing soccer.
- Don't bother the kids. They are doing their homework.

#### **2) Temporary situations:**

- Martha and her husband are traveling around Europe for two weeks.
- Lisa is living with friends until she finds an apartment.

We often use the present continuous (and not simple present) when action continues over a period of time like this week, this semester, this year

- I'm working 50 hours this week.
- She's taking nursing this semester.
- This year, I'm trying to get high marks.
- Everyone is studying hard.
- They are celebrating their 10th anniversary today.
- I am cleaning my room this week.

1)Samar works on Friday.

Samar doesn't work on Friday.

2) They have a big house.

They don't have a big house.

3) Sameer takes classes at night.

Sameer doesn't take classes at night.

4) I have a lot of free time.

I don't have a lot of free time.

**For this tense, simply ADD the word NOT after the verb BE.**

-They are working today.

-They are NOT working today.

-She is taking a math class.

-She is NOT taking a math class.

## **STATIVE VERBS**

Some verbs are NOT typically used in the present continuous tense. Instead, we prefer to use these verbs in the simple present.

These verbs are called **STATIVE** (or non-action) verbs. Here are some examples:

Want, like, need, know, believe, understand, love, see, hate, hear, forget, prefer, remember, belong, have (possession).

**Examples:**

I like Rome.

NOT: I am liking Rome.

She has a big house.

NOT: She is having a big house.

I prefer to have coffee.

NOT: I am preferring to have coffee.

**Exercise**

1. On Tuesdays, I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the gym.
2. Karen \_\_\_\_\_ (paint) her apartment this week.
3. This room \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very large.
4. He \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a headache right now.
5. It \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) really hard right now.
6. Where is John? He \_\_\_\_\_ (work).
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) my friend in a few minutes.
8. My family \_\_\_\_\_ (come) to San Diego often.

## Answers

1. On Tuesdays, I go to the gym.
2. Karen is painting her apartment this week.
3. This room is very large. (fact)
4. He has a headache right now. (stative)
5. It is raining really hard right now.
6. Where is John? He is working. (right now)
7. I am meeting my friend in a few minutes.
8. My family comes to San D

## Simple Present Vs. Present Continuous

### SUMMARY

#### Present simple and present continuous (affirmative)

Complete the table with the present simple and present continuous affirmative form of fix.

Present simple	Present continuous
Regular activities	At the moment
I <b>fix</b> computers.	I'm <b>fixing</b> a computer.
You <b>fix</b> computers.	You're <b>fixing</b> a computer.
She <b>fixes</b> computers.	She's <b>fixing</b> a computer.
We <b>fix</b> computers.	We're <b>fixing</b> a computer.
They <b>fix</b> computers.	They're <b>fixing</b> a computer.

## SUMMARY

### Present simple and present continuous (negative)

Complete the table with the present simple and present continuous negative form of fix.

Present simple	Present continuous
Regular activities	At the moment
I <b>don't fix</b> cars.	I'm <b>not fixing</b> a car.
You <b>don't fix</b> cars.	You <b>aren't fixing</b> a car.
She <b>doesn't fix</b> cars.	She <b>isn't fixing</b> a car.
We <b>don't fix</b> cars.	We <b>aren't fixing</b> a car.
They <b>don't fix</b> cars.	They <b>aren't fixing</b> a car.