

## contrast present continuous / present simple

1. Add **-ing** to the words below. Watch the spelling!

a. stop	stopping	e. cross	crossing	i. shop	shopping
b. play	playing	f. fight	fighting	j. fly	flying
c. eat	eating	g. think	thinking	k. draw	drawing
d. go	going	h. run	running	l. write	writing

2. Complete the sentences with the **Present Continuous** form of these verbs:

- Sandy **is writing** a letter. (write)
- Fred and Bob **are playing** a computer game. (play)
- Is** Linda **watching** television? (watch)
- Tom and Clare **are not singing**. (not sing)
- They **are dancing** flamenco. (dance)
- Are** you **drawing** a picture? (draw)
- My parents **are mending** the car. (mend)
- Julia **is not doing** her homework. (not do)

3. Write the time expressions in the correct column:

**always / at the moment / every day / never / now / right now / often /  
sometimes / today / this morning / this afternoon / this evening / usually**

Present Simple	Present Continuous
always	at the moment
every day	now
never	right now
often	today
sometimes	this morning
usually	this afternoon
	this evening

4. Underline the time expressions in the sentences. Then choose the correct answers:

- We eat / **are eating** pasta now.
- I do / **am doing** my homework at the moment.
- Are you having** / do you have a shower now?
- My parents **work** / are working every day.
- Does Jane work** / is Jane working on Saturdays?
- Tommy and Sue play / **are playing** computer games today.
- Listen! She sings / **is singing** now.

h. I **do** / am doing my homework **every afternoon**.

5. Complete the sentences with the **Present Simple** or **Present Continuous** form of the verbs in brackets:

- a. We **are playing** (play) a computer game right now.
- b. They never **listen** (listen) to rock music.
- c. Mary and John usually **go** (go) to bed late.
- d. It's 8.30 now, so he **is going** (go) to school.
- e. What **do** you **do**? (do) – I'm a doctor.
- f. What **is** your sister **doing**? (do) – She's sleeping.
- g. **Are** you **studying** for the exam at this moment? (study)
- h. I **am playing** (play) basketball now.
- i. They always **write** (write) letters on Mondays.
- j. Sally and Jim **are dancing** (dance) to the music now.

6. Complete the sentences with the **Present Simple** or **Present Continuous** form of the verbs in brackets. Watch out for the **static verbs**!

- a. They **are testing** (test) a new game today.
- b. I **have** (have) a beautiful cat.
- c. **Are** you **having** (have) a shower now?
- d. I **am not cleaning** (not clean) my room right now.
- e. He **does not like** (not like) playing computer games.
- f. I **am tidying** (tidy) the messy house now.
- g. **Do** you **love** (love) me?
- h. We **think** (think) computer games are fun.
- i. Maria never **watches** (watch) television.
- j. My parents **watch** (watch) TV in the mornings.
- k. **Is** Clare **doing** (do) her homework this week?
- l. I **do not have** (not have) a dog. I **do not like** (not like) them, but I **love** (love) cats!
- m. Mary **goes** (go) to judo two days a week.
- n. The students **are studying** (study) in the classroom today.