



Simple Present versus Present Progressive

Tutor Annotated Lesson

STEP 1: Assessment

What do you know about the differences between the simple present and the present progressive?

STEP 2: Theory

- FORM:**
- Conjugate the verb “work” in the simple present and the present progressive.
 - Also, fill out the keywords for each tense.

Form	Simple Present	Present Progressive
Affirmative	You <i>work</i> He <i>works</i>	You <i>aren't working</i> He <i>isn't working</i>
Negative	You <i>don't work</i> He <i>doesn't work</i>	You <i>aren't working</i> He <i>isn't working</i>
Yes/No Question and Short Answer	<i>Do</i> you <i>work</i> ? Yes, <i>I do</i> <i>Does</i> he <i>work</i> ? No, <i>he doesn't</i>	<i>Are</i> you <i>working</i> ? Yes, <i>I am</i> <i>Is</i> he <i>working</i> ? No, <i>he isn't</i>
Keywords	<i>every day, twice a week</i> <i>always, usually, often, sometimes</i> <i>rarely, never, on Tuesdays</i>	<i>now, right now, at the moment</i> <i>today, this week, these days</i> <i>currently</i>

USE: Choose the correct verb tense for the given use.

- actions that are in progress simple present present progressive
- actions that occur regularly simple present present progressive
- actions that are temporary simple present present progressive
- facts and states simple present present progressive

STEP 3: Controlled and Communicative Exercises

EXERCISE 1: Highlight the keywords and click on the correct tense. Then, fill in the blanks and ask each other the personal questions. Respond in a complete sentence.

1. He (study) *is studying* hard at school this semester. simple present present progressive
 - Are you studying hard a school this semester? Why or why not?
2. She (run, often) *often runs* on the treadmill in her gym. simple present present progressive
 - How often do you go to the gym?
 - What do you like to do at the gym?



3. I (work) *am working* today. simple present *x* present progressive

- Is your father working today?
- Where does he work?

4. Tim (sleep, not) *doesn't sleep* with his cell phone beside his bed every night. *x* simple present present progressive

- How often do you sleep with your phone beside your bed
- Do you turn off the notifications when you go to sleep

Keyword Review

- State whether the following keywords are used with the simple present tense or the present progressive tense and why (e.g., a habit, an action in progress or a temporary action).

1. at the moment
2. every day
3. this week
4. twice a month
5. usually

EXERCISE 2: Make questions to go with the highlighted answer and take turns asking each other the personal questions.

1. *Where does Mia want to study?*

Mia wants to study **at UQAM**.

- Do you want to continue your studies after CEGEP?
- If so, where do you want to go?

2. *Are you in Legal Studies?*

Yes, I am in Legal Studies.

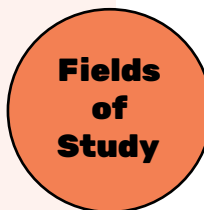
- What is your field of study?
- Are you happy with your program? Why or why not?
- Do any of the fields of study in the image interest you?

3. *What are you writing?*

I am writing **my CV**.

- Are you trying to find a job or a new job these days? Why or why not?
- What do you think the minimum wage should be?

1. Interior Design
2. Police Technology
3. Social Science
4. Animal Health Technology
5. Accounting and Management
6. Early Childhood Education
7. Natural Science
8. Computer Science Technology



EXERCISE 3: Answer your tutor's questions and respond to their prompts.

Note

Simple present

Present Progressive

I go scuba diving

I am scuba diving



- Ask me what she does every day.
- Ask me what she is doing now.
- Ask me if I like to do yoga.
- How often do you do yoga?



- Ask me what they do every day.
- Ask me what they are doing now.
- Do you ever go scuba diving? Would you like to?
- Ask me how often my best friend goes scuba diving.

Vocabulary Review

- **What new words have you learned so far today?**

EXERCISE 4: Act out the following role play.

Tutor: Your tutee is in Florida. Call them to find out what they are doing right now, what they do every day and ask about some other news.

Tutee: Right now, you are in Florida on vacation. Your cell phone rings. It is your tutor. Answer their questions and ask them some questions too.

STEP 5: Final Review

- What new words did you learn today?
- Conjugated the verb **drive** using the question form and appropriate present tense.

Form	Simple Present	Present Progressive
Yes/No Questions	Does he drive ?	Is he driving ?

- Are the following keywords used with the simple present or present progressive tense?

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|---------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1. every day | 2. right now | 3. once a week | 4. sometimes |
| 2. this month | 6. on Tuesdays | 7. never | 8. today |

Important

- Write down the words you learned today and study them.



STUDENT TUTOR ENGLISH PROGRAM

Action Verbs versus Non-Action Verbs

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STEP 1: Assessment

- Do you know any verbs that cannot be used in the present progressive tense?

Useful Expressions

- How do you say _____ in English?
- Could you repeat, please?
- I don't understand.

STEP 2: Theory

- Read the examples below of action and non-action verbs and then answer the questions.
 - o Eat is an action verb because you can act it out.
 - o Know is a non-action verb because you cannot act it out.
- In the chart below, state which verbs are action verbs and which are non-action verbs.

believe *non-action*

talk *action*

hear *non-action*

eat *action*

want *non-action*

laugh *action*

STEP 3: Controlled and Communicative Exercises

EXERCISE 1: Correct the following sentences orally and explain why they are wrong.

1. He isn't owing his mother any money.
 - Do you owe your mother any money?
2. I am not understanding the present progressive.
 - Do you understand the present progressive better now?

Note

- **Most non-action verbs cannot be used in the present progressive tense.**

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- **Some non-action verbs can be used in the present progressive tense, but they have a different meaning.**

EXERCISE 2: Explain the difference in meaning between the following pairs of sentences.

1. a. I think that CEGEP classes should start at nine o'clock instead of eight o'clock.
b. I am thinking about what will eat for lunch.
 - Do you think CEGEP classes should start at nine o'clock instead of eight o'clock?
 - What are you thinking about?
2. a. He doesn't have a lot of good friends.
b. He is having a bad day.
 - Do you have a lot of good friends?
 - Are you having a bad day?

STEP 4: Production task

EXERCISE 3: Act out the situations that can be used in the present progressive tense.

- lift weights
- have a car
- bite your nails
- hug yourself
- forget your keys

STEP 5: Final Review

- What new words did you learn today?
- What type of verbs cannot be used in the present progressive tense?

Important

- Write down the words you learned today and study them.