



Simple Present versus Present Progressive

Tutee 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 He	You He
Negative	You He	You He
Yes/No Question and Short Answer	you ? Yes, he ? No,	you ? Yes, he ? No,
Keywords		

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

1.

Mia wants to study **at UQAM**.

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

2.

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.

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



**Fields
of
Study**

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?
- Conjugate the verb **drive** using the question form and appropriate present tense.

Form	Simple Present	Present Progressive
Yes/No Questions	he ?	he ?

- 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.



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

talk

hear

eat

want

laugh

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.**

Note

- **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.