

Present Simple:

- *habits,*
- *regular and repeated actions,*
- *facts,*
- *permanent situations or states;*
- *scheduled events (timetable).*

Present S. is always used with STATE VERBS

STATE VERBS: verbs of **senses** (hear, see, smell, taste, sound), **opinion** (think, believe, consider, doubt, like, love, hate..), **possession** (have, own, belong), others - need, mean, want, remember, forget, understand, know...

Present Continuous:

- *actions in progress now,*
- *actions in progress around now (these days, this week..),*
- *in the middle of the process,*
- *changes (become, get, change..);*
- *temporary situations;*
- *personal arrangement or fixed plans in the near future.*

Don't use P.C. with state verbs.

Exercise 1

Which description (1-5) fits each sentence (a-j)?

- 1 A routine or habit
- 2 Something happening now
- 3 An official scheduled or timetabled event
- 4 A future personal arrangement
- 5 Something permanent or always true

- a David goes for a run every day.
- b I'm meeting George and Phil at the jazz concert.
- c Look! The dog's digging a hole in your garden again.
- d She comes from Barcelona.
- e She's playing tennis with John later.
- f The train leaves at 20.08.
- g We're going out at eight thirty tonight.
- h If you put oil in water, it floats.
- i The film starts at seven exactly so don't be late.
- j Ice melts in hot weather.

Exercise 2

Write the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the present simple or continuous.

- a If I say I love you, I (mean) it!
- b Please be quiet. You (make) so much noise I can't concentrate.
- c Sam (play) a lot of football these days. He wants to get fit.
- d The rehearsal (finish) at four so I'll be back at half past.
- e (you / believe) in life after death?
- f They (speak) Spanish and Catalan in Barcelona.
- g What language (she / speak)? I can't understand what she's saying!
- h Sid's really clever. He (understand) quantum physics.
- i The sun (set) in the west.
- j What (you / do) later? Do you fancy going out?
- k. I (go) running twice a week.
- l. What TV series (watch) you these days?
- m. He (see) his doctor on Friday.

What is the difference between the pairs of sentences?

1. I live in London.
2. I'm living in London.
3. What do you do?
4. What are you doing?
5. Do you go to the gym every day?

6. Are you going to the gym today?
7. I see a lot of people in the street.
8. I'm seeing my dentist tomorrow.