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| **Simple Present: Versus Present Continuous** |
| **USE:** | We use the **Simple Present** in the following situations:* Habits

*I eat lots of vegetables.** General truths

*Water freezes at zero degrees Celcius.** With frequency expressions

*I watch a movie every night.** With time expressions

*I relax on the weekend.* | We use the **Present Continuous** in the following situations:* Actions in progress now

*I am eating my dinner at the moment.** Actions that are temporary

*She is studying chemistry this semester.** Situations that are changing

*Women are earning more money these days.* |

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| *Fill in the blanks in the dialogue with either SIMPLE PRESENT or PRESENT CONTINUOUS for the verb given in brackets.* |

Eva: What \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (happen)?

Mario: The other team \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (argue) with the referee.

Eva: Why?

Mario: They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (think) there was a bad hit. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (want) a penalty.

Eva: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ they right?

Mario: I didn’t see.

Eva: Now two players \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (fight)!

Mario: Wow. Now all the players \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(fight)! This \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(be) crazy!

Eva: This always \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (happen) in hockey!

Mario: I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (know). Isn’t it great!