

## 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.*

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!