

Simple vs. Continuous Tenses: Present

FORM: **Present Continuous:**
 “to be” (simple present) + “ing”

USE: Use **Simple Present** tense for habits or states that exist today, tomorrow, or forever.

Use **Present Continuous** for an action that is happening now.

EXAMPLES: *Everyday, I go to school to study English, but right now, I am watching TV because I want to improve my accent.*

Supply the SIMPLE PRESENT or the PRESENT CONTINUOUS as required by the meaning of the sentence.

1. Mr. Hanson often _____(travel) to Miami on business.
2. Our class _____(meet) three times a week.
3. Ms. MacMillan _____(supervise) the project. She
_____ (replace) Mr. O’Brian who is on vacation.
4. At nine-thirty every morning, our school bell _____(ring).
Listen! I believe it _____(ring) now.
5. Stella _____(watch) TV now. I think that she
always _____(watch) the same program at this time.
6. Shhh! I think the baby _____ (cry); maybe he _____
(have) a bad dream.
7. At this moment, I _____(read) sentence number 8 in the exercise.
8. James never _____(wake) up on time; he always
_____ (sleep) through his alarm.
9. It always _____(snow) hard in this part of the country.

Intermediate 1 – Exercise 2 – Simple vs. Continuous Tenses: Present

10. For the time being, while I _____(paint) my apartment, I
_____ (stay) with my friend Alice.
11. Sears _____(have) a big sale on summer clothes today.
12. Kim seems to be very busy. I guess she _____(study) for her
English test.
13. I _____(get up) at seven o'clock every morning.
14. Gloria usually _____(play) golf when
she _____(take) a vacation, but this time she _____(sightsee).
15. Martha always _____(bake) bread on Saturday morning. I
think she _____(make) some now.
16. The Thompsons _____(build) a summer cottage on Euclid Drive.