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Present Simple (I do) o Present Continuous (I'm doing)

Confronta il Present Simple con il Present Continuous:

Present Simple

Present Continuous

<p>1 Si usa il Present Simple per parlare di fatti (cose che sono vere in qualsiasi momento): <i>Anna speaks good Spanish.</i> <i>Journalists write newspaper articles.</i> <i>I come from Norway. (= Sono norvegese.)</i></p>	<p>Si usa il Present Continuous per parlare di azioni che stanno avvenendo nel momento stesso in cui si parla: <i>Anna's busy. She's speaking on the phone.</i> <i>What are you writing? ~ A letter to Jane.</i> <i>Look! The bus is coming.</i></p>
<p>2 Si usa il Present Simple per parlare di situazioni che esistono da tanto tempo e per azioni che si ripetono (es. abitudini, o eventi programmati ad orario): <i>Mike works for an advertising company.</i> <i>He lives in Paris. (= La sua casa è a Parigi.)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"> passato <u>presente</u> futuro ←—————→ <i>He lives in Paris.</i> </p> <p><i>Jane travels a lot in her job.</i> <i>I do a lot of sport.</i></p> <p>Parole come usually, often, every vengono usate con il Present Simple: <i>We usually go out to dinner at weekends.</i> <i>I often go to football matches on Sundays.</i> <i>The buses leave every hour.</i></p>	<p>Si usa il Present Continuous per parlare di azioni o situazioni che durano per un periodo limitato di tempo riferito più o meno al momento in cui si parla (es. vacanze, visite, lavori temporanei, corsi, ecc.) <i>John is working in the USA for six weeks.</i> <i>He's living in New York.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"> passato <u>presente</u> futuro ┌──────────┐ <i>He's living in New York.</i> </p> <p><i>Jane's travelling around Europe for a month.</i> <i>I'm doing a one-year course in tourism.</i></p> <p>Ma si può usare il Present Continuous con always per dire che qualcosa succede troppo spesso: <i>Tom is always asking stupid questions.</i> <i>They're always complaining.</i></p>
<p>3 Si usa il Present Simple con i verbi che esprimono attività della mente e sentimenti e i verbi di possesso (es. know, like, want, love, hate, remember, own, have): <i>I know someone who lives in Venice.</i> <i>I have a house by the sea.</i></p> <p>Vedi l'unità 63 sui verbi di 'stato'.</p>	<p>Di solito non si usa il Present Continuous con i verbi che esprimono attività della mente e sentimenti e i verbi di possesso: NON <i>I'm knowing someone who lives in Venice.</i> NON <i>I'm having a house by the sea.</i></p>

Esercizi

A Coniuga i verbi tra parentesi al Present Simple o al Present Continuous.

- 0 PETER: What *are you doing* (you/do)?
- 1 JOHN: I (finish) my homework.
- 2 STEVE: How (your sister/travel) to work every day?
- 3 MARY: She (take) the bus.
- 4 PAUL: What (you/eat)?
- 5 JILL: An apple. It's delicious! I (love) apples.
- 6 CARLOS: Look! It (snow).
- 7 HANS: It (snow) every year in my country.

B Questa è la prima lettera che Anna scrive a David in inglese. Ci sono degli errori. Cancella le forme verbali sbagliate e riscrivile. Metti il segno (✓) se la forma del verbo è corretta.

Dear David,

I live⁰..... ✓..... in a large flat in Rome. I'm having⁰..... have..... two sisters. They are called Rosa and Maria. We are getting up¹..... at seven o'clock every morning, and we have²..... coffee and a small breakfast. I leave³..... the flat at eight and walk to the university. I am finishing⁴..... classes at five every day, and I arrive⁵..... home at six. This month I work⁶..... very hard for my first exams.

At the moment, I eat⁷..... breakfast in the kitchen of our flat; my mother drinks⁸..... coffee, and my sisters are reading⁹..... magazines.

On Saturday afternoons I am playing¹⁰..... tennis with my friends, or I go¹¹..... to the cinema. Today, I'm going to see a new English film! Sometimes I am watching¹²..... American films on TV, but I'm not understanding¹³..... the words! Are you liking¹⁴..... films?

With best wishes, Anna



C Scrivi delle frasi coniugando i verbi al Present Simple o al Present Continuous.

0 (Usually she/work/at the office, but this week she/work/at home)

Usually she works at the office, but this week she's working at home.

1 (You/not/eat/very much at the moment. Are you ill?)

2 (She/know/three words in Italian!)

3 (I/take/the bus to work this week, but usually I/walk)

4 (I/study/Japanese this year. It's very difficult.)

5 (you/watch/the television at the moment?)

6 (I/not/remember/the name of the hotel)

7 (She/speak/three languages)

8 (The sun/shine/. It's a beautiful day!)

D Due persone stanno aspettando a un binario della stazione. Scrivi la conversazione tra loro, coniugando i verbi al Present Simple o al Present Continuous.

ROBERT: (Hello. /you/wait/for the same train as me?)

0 *Hello. Are you waiting for the same train as me?*

PAUL: (I/not/know. I/wait/for the 6.15 to Brussels. And you?)

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ROBERT: (Yes, me too. /you/live/in Brussels?)

2

PAUL: (No. I come from Brussels, but I/study/at university in Paris at the moment.)

3

ROBERT: (Oh yes? What course/you/do?)

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PAUL: (I/do/a two-year course in business management.)

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ROBERT: (So why/you/go/to Brussels?)

6

PAUL: (All my friends/live/there, and I/often/go/there at weekends.)

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(I/not/know/many people in Paris. What about you? /you/often/go/to/Brussels?)

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ROBERT: (Yes, on business. I/go/to a meeting there today.)

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PAUL: (Oh yes. What kind of job/you/do?)

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ROBERT: (I/work/in the Marketing Department of a small company, and I/often/travel/to different towns and cities for meetings.)

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PAUL: (What/your company/sell?)

12

ROBERT: (It/make/clocks.)

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PAUL: (Oh look! The train/come.)

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E Completa le frasi con il Present Simple o il Present Continuous.

0 I *leave* (leave) home at 7 o'clock every morning.

1 She usually (work) in the Sales Department in London, but at the moment she (do) a training course in Bristol.

2 Linda (wash) her hair every day.

3 He (try) very hard in every game that he (play).

4 Excuse me. I think that you (sit) in my seat.

5 (you/listen) to the radio very often?

6 Don't talk to me now. I (write) an important letter.

7 Why (they/drive) on the left in Britain?

- 8 It (not/get) dark at this time of year until about 10 o'clock.
 9 It (rain) here a lot, but it (not/rain) now.
 10 A: What are you doing?
 B: I (bake) a cake. Why
 (you/smile)? (I/do) something wrong?

F Utilizza le parole tra parentesi per completare i dialoghi. Coniuga i verbi al Present Continuous o al Present Simple.

0 (The sun/rise/in the east.)
The sun rises in the east.

0 (Look! The sun/come/up.)
Look! The sun is coming up.

1 ANN: Is the swimming pool open today?
 JANE: (No, they/get/things ready for the next competition.)

ANN: (How often/they/have/these competitions?)

JANE: About three times a year.

2 SAM: (Why/that machine/not/work/at the moment?)
 CHRIS: (I don't know, but a mechanic/mend/it.)

SAM: (What/the machine/do/in fact?) (it/make/boxes?)

CHRIS: (Yes, it/make/boxes of all sizes.)

3 MARY: (Look! The Fosters/work/in their garden.)
 (They/not/usually/work/on Sundays.)

Let's have a word with them. Hello, Joe. Hello, Sara. (you/get/ready/for the winter?)

JOE: (Yes, we/tidy /up the leaves.)
 (We/always/try/to do it before the winter/come/.)

4 TIM: (Sam, what/you/look/for?)

SAM: (I/look/for Jean's glasses.) Ah, here they are.
 (She/not/often/wear/them.)

(She only/wear/them to read, so she often/lose/them.)