

Grammatica

Present Simple and Present Continuous

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Hello, my name is Catherine. Today we are going to talk about the Present Simple and Present Continuous.

The **Present Simple** has many uses. For example we use it to talk about ourselves and to describe ourselves, for example: "I have brown hair and I have brown eyes".

We also use the Present Simple to talk about our daily routine, for example: "Every day I get up at 7 o' clock. I eat my breakfast and I get ready. I usually drive to school".

We also use the Present Simple to talk about facts, so things that never change, for example: "I am Irish".

And: "There are 4 seasons in every year: winter, spring, summer and autumn".

It is really important to remember to use the third person "s" when you're using the present simple.

So, for example, to practice, let's talk about my friend John, and let's talk about John's daily routine: "John gets up every day at 8 o' clock. He eats his breakfast and he gets ready. John usually cycles to work".

Now let's look at questions and negative phrases: we form questions and negatives using the auxiliary "do". Again, it's very important to remember to use the third person "s" when asking questions and forming negatives, for example using "does" and "doesn't".

Let's practice!

"Do I have blond hair?"

"No I don't! I have brown hair".

"What does John do?"

"John is a fireman".

"Does John wake up at 8 o' clock?"

"No, he doesn't! John wakes up at 6 o' clock".

We use the auxiliary verb "do" to form questions and negatives for every verb except for the verb "be" and "can". Example:

"Am I Scottish?"

"No, I'm not. I am Irish".

"Can you swim?"

"Yes, I can swim but I can't drive".

Now let's talk about the **Present Continuous**. We use the Present Continuous to talk about actions in progress at the moment of speaking. For example, now you are watching a video and you are learning English.

What about my friend John. What is John doing? "John is at a party, he is dancing".

We also use the Present Continuous to talk about temporary situations. For example: "I usually drive to work, but this week my car is broken, so I'm taking the bus".

To recap:

“I usually drive to work” is the present simple.

“This week I’m taking the bus” is Present Continuous because it’s a temporary situation.

You study lots of subjects at school but right now you are studying English.

That’s all for now! Bye bye!