

PRESENT SIMPLE AND PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Present simple	Present continuous
<p>I do</p> <p>← now →</p> <p>Past future</p>	<p>I am doing</p> <p>Past <u>now</u> future</p>
<p>It is used to talk about things that happen repeatedly or for things in general</p> <p>She speaks French fluently. [she is a fluent French speaker]</p>	<p>It is used to talk about incomplete actions that happen at or around the time of speaking.</p> <p>She is speaking French fluently. [she is in the process of speaking French in a fluent way now]</p>

It is used for permanent situations

She learns new languages quickly.

[she has the ability to learn new languages quickly]

It is used for temporary situations

She is learning a new language.

[she is learning a new language at the time of speaking]

ALWAYS is used with the present simple to indicate that an action is repeated all the time.

He always loses his keys.

[he loses his keys all the time]

ALWAYS is used with the present continuous to indicate that something is repeated more often than usual, it indicates an annoying habit.

He is always losing his keys.

[he loses his keys more often than usual]

FUTURE TIME EXPRESSED BY PRESENT SIMPLE AND PRESENT CONTINUOUS

The present simple

We use the present simple to talk about future actions that are fixed such as time tables or schedules.

The bank doors open at 8 am.
The match starts at 3 pm.
The lesson begins soon.

The present continuous

We use the present continuous to talk about personal arrangements

Susan is meeting me for lunch later.
I am taking a day off on Sunday.
Next week, my sister is coming.