

# GRAMMATOMY

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Level 2

Grammar  
Vocabulary  
Writing

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# Lesson 1

## Present Simple Adverbs of frequency

### Grammar Theory

#### A. Present Simple

##### Affirmative ✓

I cook  
You cook  
He **cooks**  
She **cooks**  
It **cooks**  
We cook  
You cook  
They cook

##### Negative ✗

I **don't** cook  
You **don't** cook  
He **doesn't** cook  
She **doesn't** cook  
It **doesn't** cook  
We **don't** cook  
You **don't** cook  
They **don't** cook

##### Interrogative ?

Do I cook?  
Do you cook?  
**Does** he cook?  
**Does** she cook?  
**Does** it cook?  
Do we cook?  
Do you cook?  
Do they cook?

##### Short answers

Yes, I do. / No, I don't.  
Yes, he does. / No, he doesn't.

NOTE

I don't cook =  
I do not cook

He doesn't cook =  
He does not cook

#### Examples

I **walk** to school every day.

I **don't walk** to school every day.

- **Do** you **walk** to school every day?

- Yes, I do. / No, I don't.

He **gets up** at 7 o'clock.

He **doesn't get up** at 7 o'clock.

- **Does** he **get up** at 7 o'clock?

- Yes, he does. / No, he doesn't.

We use the Present Simple to talk about:

- habits, routines or states. Rory **brushes** his teeth in the morning. Moira **lives** in London.
- facts that are generally true. Lions **come** from Africa.

#### Spelling rules (3rd person singular)

-s I cook → he **cooks**

-es I dress → he **dresses**

I brush → he **brushes**

I watch → he **watches**

I relax → he **relaxes**

I go → he **goes**

-ies I try → he **tries**

! I play → he **plays**

I have → he **has**



#### Time expressions

every day/week/month/..., on Monday(s), on Friday morning(s), at the weekend, at weekends, at noon/night/midnight, in the morning/afternoon/evening, in (the) winter, in March, once/twice a year, three times a week, etc.



- How often do you tidy your room?

- I tidy my room **once a week**.

NOTE

The word order in questions with question words is:

1	2	3	4
question word	do/does	subject	verb
What	do	they	study?
Where	does	he	work?

#### B. Adverbs of frequency

We use adverbs of frequency to show how often something happens.

★★★★★ always

★★★★ usually

★★★ often

★★ sometimes

★ rarely

☆ never



Adverbs of frequency go:

- before main verbs. We **sometimes** go hiking at the weekend. I don't **always** relax in the evening. Does Nadia **often** prepare your meals?
- after the verb "be". I am **never** late for work. Janet **isn't always** busy in the afternoon. Are you **usually** at home on Sundays?

**1 Fill in with the Present Simple (✓) of the verbs:**

worry - do - have - sit - swim - tidy

- We swim in the lake at weekends.
- I sometimes ..... the dishes after lunch.
- Mothers often ..... about their kids.
- Dad ..... the garage every month.
- My brother Ken never ..... quietly.
- Sally always ..... a big breakfast.

**2 Fill in with the Present Simple (x-?).**

- Nick doesn't go (not go) shopping on weekdays.
- My neighbours ..... (not make) any noise.
- ..... (Mrs Ray / speak) Italian well?
- It ..... (not rain) much in my country.
- ..... (kangaroos / live) in Australia?
- When ..... (you / meet) your friends?

**3 Choose and circle.**

- David don't / doesn't work on Saturdays.
- What time does Peter has / have English classes?
- Some of my classmates don't / doesn't like maths.
- Where do she / you usually spend your holidays?
- Does / Do Fred know the answer to my question?
- I'm afraid Linda doesn't try / tries very hard.

**4 Write sentences in the Present Simple using the adverbs of frequency.**

- Ron and I - do - our homework together (sometimes)  
Ron and I sometimes do our homework together.
- my brother - be - very funny (usually)  
.....
- grandma - watch - TV with us (rarely)  
.....
- I - be - hungry in the morning (never)  
.....
- the sun - shine - in summer (always)  
.....

**5 Fill in with do/does and complete the answers as in the example.**

- What time do you take the bus to school?  
- I take the bus to school at half past eight. (8:30)
- When ..... Helen study?  
- She ..... (evening)
- How often ..... Mr Brown eat fruit?  
- He ..... (every day)
- When ..... the Finns visit their village?  
- They ..... (August)
- When ..... your dad wash the car?  
- He ..... (Fridays)

**6 Look at the pictures and write negative and affirmative sentences as in the example.**

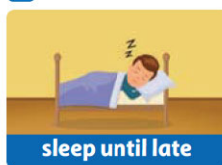
1 Jane



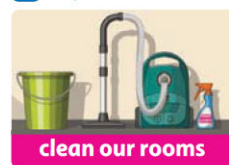
2 my sisters



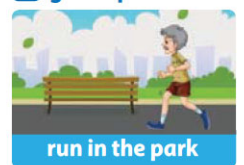
3 Mr Black



4 my brother and I



5 grandpa



- Jane plays basketball at the weekend.  
Jane doesn't play basketball at the weekend. She goes to the cinema.
- My sisters go to the gym twice a week.  
.....
- Mr Black wakes up early on Sundays.  
.....
- My brother and I relax on the sofa on Saturdays.  
.....
- Grandpa rides his bicycle every day.  
.....

# Lesson 2

## Present Continuous



### Grammar Theory

#### Affirmative ✓

I'm cooking  
You're cooking  
He's cooking  
She's cooking  
It's cooking  
We're cooking  
You're cooking  
They're cooking

#### Negative ✗

I'm not cooking  
You aren't cooking  
He isn't cooking  
She isn't cooking  
It isn't cooking  
We aren't cooking  
You aren't cooking  
They aren't cooking

#### Interrogative ?

Am I cooking?  
Are you cooking?  
Is he cooking?  
Is she cooking?  
Is it cooking?  
Are we cooking?  
Are you cooking?  
Are they cooking?

#### Short answers

Yes, I am. / No, I'm not.  
Yes, you are. / No, you aren't.  
Yes, he is. / No, he isn't.

#### Examples

*I'm reading* a book now.

*I'm not reading* a book now.

- **Are you reading** a book now?  
- Yes, I am. / No, I'm not.

*He's working* a lot this week.

*He isn't working* a lot this week.

- **Is he working** a lot this week?  
- Yes, he is. / No, he isn't.

*They're sitting* on the sofa right now.

*They aren't sitting* on the sofa right now.

- **Are they sitting** on the sofa right now?  
- Yes, they are. / No, they aren't.

We use the Present Continuous to talk about:

- something that is happening now. *I **am tidying** my room now.*
- temporary situations. *We **are planning** our summer holidays these days.*

#### Spelling rules

cook → cooking  
make → making  
cut → cutting ❗ travel → travelling  
lie → lying



#### Time expressions

now, right now, at the moment,  
this week/month/year/...,  
today, tonight, these days,  
Look!, Listen!, etc.

#### NOTE

##### Affirmative

I'm cooking = I am cooking  
He's cooking = He is cooking  
We're cooking = We are cooking

##### Negative

I'm not cooking = I am not cooking  
He isn't cooking = He is not cooking  
We aren't cooking = We are not cooking

#### NOTE

The word order in questions with question words is:

<sup>1</sup> question word    <sup>2</sup> am/are/is    <sup>3</sup> subject    <sup>4</sup> verb  
What                      is                      mum                      drinking?



**1 Fill in with the Present Continuous (✓).**

- 1. stay → I am staying
- 2. put → you \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. stand → he \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. cry → she \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. rain → it \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. travel → we \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. lie → you \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. hide → they \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Choose and circle.**

I'm in the park opposite my house at the moment and I am <sup>1</sup> **sitting / sit** on a bench under a tree. It is a beautiful day and there are a lot of people here. Some of them <sup>2</sup> **is / are** walking and talking quietly and some others <sup>3</sup> **are jogging / jogging** around the lake. Two boys are <sup>4</sup> **feeding / feed** the ducks and the ducks <sup>5</sup> **fighting / are fighting** to get the food. They <sup>6</sup> **are making / making** a lot of noise! It is so funny that everybody <sup>7</sup> **is / are** laughing. Look! An old woman <sup>8</sup> **throwing / is throwing** some bread into the lake, too! More hungry ducks <sup>9</sup> **are coming / coming** now and there's much more noise. The ducks are <sup>10</sup> **having / have** a great time today!



**4 Look at the pictures and write dialogues in the Present Continuous as in the example. Use:**

watch TV - wait for the bus - sing - ride his bike - ~~chat online~~



- 1. Connie - study - English - now - ?  
- Is Connie studying English now?  
- No, she isn't. She's chatting online.



- 2. your brother - run - now - ?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



- 3. the kids - eat - lunch - now - ?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



- 4. that woman - listen - to music - ?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



- 5. these people - dance - ?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**3 Fill in with the Present Continuous (✓ - X) of the verbs:**

sleep - read - not play - have - not prepare - do

It is a quiet evening in Ricky's house tonight.

- 1. Ricky \_\_\_\_\_ his homework.
- 2. His sister \_\_\_\_\_ a book.
- 3. She \_\_\_\_\_ video games.
- 4. His parents \_\_\_\_\_ on the sofa.
- 5. They \_\_\_\_\_ to go out.

But ... wait a minute! What's that noise? Oh no!

- 6. His neighbours \_\_\_\_\_ a party!

**5 Complete the questions as in the example.**

- 1. - What is he buying \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
- He is buying a magazine.
- 2. - What \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
- The baby is holding a pencil.
- 3. - Whose laptop \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
- I'm using my brother's laptop.
- 4. - Where \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
- Aunt Mary is going to Glasgow.
- 5. - Who \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
- She is helping her mother.
- 6. - What \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
- They are carrying suitcases.

# Lesson 3

## Present Simple vs Present Continuous State Verbs

### Grammar Theory

#### A. Present Simple vs Present Continuous

##### Present Simple

###### Affirmative ✓

I/You/We/They cook  
He/She/It cooks

###### Negative ✗

I/You/We/They don't cook  
He/She/It doesn't cook

###### Interrogative ?

Do I/you/we/they cook?  
Does he/she/it cook?

###### Short answers

Yes, I do. / No, I don't.  
Yes, he does. /  
No, he doesn't.

##### Use

- for habits, routines or states  
*I **get up** early on weekdays. Max **works** in Milan.*
- for facts that are generally true  
*It rarely **rains** in the Sahara Desert.*



##### Time expressions

every day/week/month/..., on Monday(s), on Friday morning(s), at the weekend, at weekends, at noon/night/midnight, in the morning/afternoon/evening, in (the) winter, in March, once/twice a year, three times a week, always, usually, often, sometimes, rarely, never, etc.

##### Present Continuous

###### Affirmative ✓

I'm cooking  
You/We/They're cooking  
He/She/It's cooking

###### Negative ✗

I'm not cooking  
You/We/They aren't cooking  
He/She/It isn't cooking

###### Interrogative ?

Am I cooking?  
Are you/we/they cooking?  
Is he/she/it cooking?

###### Short answers

Yes, I am. / No, I'm not.  
Yes, you are. / No, you aren't.  
Yes, he is. / No, he isn't.

##### Use

- for something that is happening now  
*I'm **doing** my homework now.*
- for temporary situations  
*Brian **is staying** with his uncle this week.*



##### Time expressions

now, right now, at the moment, this week/month/year/..., today, tonight, these days, Look!, Listen!, etc.

#### B. State Verbs

State verbs show state, not action, and we don't use them in the Present Continuous. We use them in the Present Simple even when we are talking about things that are happening at the moment of speaking.

State verbs usually express:

- **wants and likes.**  
like, love, want, need, hate, prefer, etc.  
*We **need** some bread. Can you buy some?*
- **thoughts and opinions.**  
know, believe, understand, remember, think, etc.  
*Miranda **doesn't believe** your story.*
- **senses.**  
see, hear, smell, taste, sound, etc.  
*This soup **tastes** good! What's in it?*
- **possession.**  
have, belong (to), own, etc.  
***Does** Mr Berry **own** a car?*

- **Other state verbs:**  
be, mean, seem, cost, etc.  
*A flat in London **costs** a lot of money.*

! We can use the verb "have" in the Present Continuous, too, but with a different meaning.

Linda **has** three small dogs. (= has got)

BUT

We **are having** lunch with our friends today. (= are eating)

Steven **is having** a cup of tea. (= is drinking)

The kids **are having fun** in the pool now. (= are enjoying themselves)



### 1 Circle the correct answer.

- I ..... history at the moment.  
a. am studying    b. study    c. are studying
- We ..... dinner with our friends now.  
a. are eating    b. eat    c. eating
- ..... the girls ..... back home right now?  
a. Do ... come    b. Is ... coming    c. Are ... coming
- Grandma ..... cakes every day.  
a. aren't    b. isn't    c. doesn't  
making    making    make
- Jimmy ..... on a farm this month.  
a. is working    b. works    c. work
- What ..... you usually ..... at the weekend?  
a. is ... doing    b. do ... do    c. are ... doing
- Look! Where ..... Ted ..... with those bags?  
a. are ... going    b. does ... go    c. is ... going

### 2 Choose and circle.

- They are sleeping **at the moment / every day**.
- Do you meet Sally **this weekend / at weekends**?
- Alan goes to bed early **tonight / every night**.
- I'm having guitar lessons **this year / on Fridays**.
- Is dad drinking coffee **now / in the morning**?
- He doesn't watch TV **today / in the afternoon**.
- We are staying in Paris **this week / once a week**.

### 4 Fill in with the Present Simple or Present Continuous (✓-X-?).

- Jerry ..... (play) with his friends now and his sister ..... (want) to play with them.
- I ..... (not remember) this story so now I ..... (read) it again.
- Fay ..... (not understand) this exercise so now Sam ..... (help) her with it.
- Hey, look! That bike ..... (belong) to Tom! Why ..... (Nathan / ride) it?
- Anthony ..... (cook) spaghetti at the moment. He ..... (love) Italian food!

### 3 Present Simple or Present Continuous? Look at the time expressions and write sentences as in the example.

- your sister - go - to the cinema - ? (now / on Sundays)  
*Is your sister going to the cinema now?*  
*Does your sister go to the cinema on Sundays?*
- we - have - lunch at school (usually / today)  
.....  
.....
- Kate - not listen - to music (right now / every day)  
.....  
.....
- the kids - sleep - quietly - ? (at night / tonight)  
.....  
.....
- Mr Lee - tidy - the house (this weekend / at weekends)  
.....  
.....
- I - not sit - next to Sue (always / at the moment)  
.....  
.....
- you - work - abroad - ? (this year / in winter)  
.....  
.....

### 5 Circle the correct answer.

- What ..... you ..... about elephants?  
a. do ... know    b. are ... knowing
- I ..... French this year and I like it a lot.  
a. learn    b. am learning
- What a silly story! I ..... one word of it!  
a. don't believe    b. am not believing
- ..... you ..... anything from the shops?  
a. Are ... needing    b. Do ... need
- Mum ..... a cake right now. It smells great!  
a. is baking    b. bakes
- Listen! Someone ..... a song. Do you like it?  
a. is singing    b. sings