

GRAMMAR

Present continuous *I am watching* and present simple *I watch*

Present continuous

Use the present continuous to describe things that are happening at the moment.

Jim is watching television at the moment.

Present simple

Use the present simple to describe habits and routines.

- Things we do often, every day, every week, etc.
- Things that always happen.
I arrive at school at 8.30.
The first lesson starts at 8.45.
The lesson finishes at 9.30.
- We generally use these verbs with the present simple, not the present continuous:

<i>cost</i>	<i>This bike costs £200.</i>
<i>like</i>	<i>Anna likes rap music.</i>
<i>know</i>	<i>Do you know the answer?</i>
<i>understand</i>	<i>I don't understand this.</i>
<i>believe</i>	<i>Do you believe me?</i>
- Some verbs have one meaning in the present simple, but a different meaning in the present continuous.

<i>Do you have a bike?</i> = Do you own a bike?	(in general)
<i>I'm having a great time!</i> = It's a great party!	(at the moment)
<i>I think this film is great!</i> = I like this film a lot.	(in general)
<i>Quiet! I'm thinking.</i> = I'm doing a difficult exercise.	(at the moment)

Joe lives in New York. (New York is his home. He lives there all the time.)

We are living near the station at the moment. (We want to move to another house soon.)