

Present Tenses

Name of tense	When to use it	How to use it	Examples	Words to look for
Present simple	When talking about habits and routines that happen in general	Subject + verb + extra information <i>When subject is he or she, add an S to the verb!</i>	She works at home. They ride the bus. He eats fish.	Usually, everyday, every weekend, on Sundays, in general, often, etc.
Present simple negative	When talking about habits and routines that don't happen in general	Subject + don't/doesn't + verb + extra information I don't We don't He / she / it doesn't They don't <i>No "s" after verbs in the negative!</i>	She doesn't work at home. They don't ride the bus. He doesn't eat fish.	Usually, everyday, every weekend, on Sundays, in general, often, etc.
Present continuous	When talking about things happening at the moment, now	Subject + to be + verb + ing + extra information	She is wearing a white shirt. He is learning English. They are listening to the teacher.	At the moment, right now, now, today
Present continuous negative	When talking about things not happening at the moment, now	Subject + to be + not + verb + ing	I am not walking right now. She is not wearing a blue shirt. They are not singing a song.	At the moment, right now, now, today