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Unit two,

Intermediate Course

Third Stage

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# Present simple and present continuous

## Present simple

- We normally use the present simple to talk about repeated actions, life routines, facts or to express likes and dislikes. Some verbs are only used in the present simple (see grammar reference 2.3 page 136).
- Examples:
- 1. I usually work long hours mentoring my students.
- She doesn't like black coffee.

## Present continuous

- We use the present continuous to talk about things that are happening at the time of speaking or things that are expected to happen in a short while.
- Examples:
- 1. I am revising for my Organic Chemistry test.
- What is Luther doing? He is texting his classmates.

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Tense	Affirmative	Negative	Question
Present simple	Singular s + v(s) + c. plural s + base verb + c.	s + doesn't + base verb + c. s + don't + base verb + c.	Does + s + base verb + c? Do + s + base verb + c?
Examples	He writes the lesson. They write the lesson.	He doesn't write the lesson. They don't write the lesson.	Does he write the lesson? Do they write the lesson?
Present continuous	S + am/is/are + v(ing) + c.	S + am/is/are + not + v(ing) + c.	Am/Is/Are + s + v(ing) + c?
Examples	I am writing the lesson. She is writing the lesson. They are writing the lesson.	I am not writing the lesson. She is not writing the lesson. They are not writing the lesson.	Are you writing the lesson? Is she writing the lesson? Are they writing the lesson?

# Active present simple and passive present simple

## Active voice

- For the active present simple, we use the same structure shown on the previous slide. Refer back to it if you need.

## Passive voice

- We use the passive voice when the doer of the action is either redundant or unknown. The structure of the sentences is:
  - S + am/is/are + pp + c.  
He is paid very well as a lawyer.
  - S + am/is/are + not + pp + c.  
They are not treated appropriately.
  - Am/Is/Are + s + pp + c ?  
Am I added to the Telegram group?

# Look at the pair of sentences. Which one is correct?

- ▶ They have a teenage son.
- ▶ They are having a teenage son.
- ▶ She speaks five languages.
- ▶ She is speaking five languages.
- ▶ Don't turn off the TV. I watch it.
- ▶ Don't turn off the TV. I am watching it.
- ▶ Oh, no. It rains.
- ▶ Oh, no. It is raining.
- ▶ We are thinking opera is boring.
- ▶ We think opera is boring.
- ▶ English speaks all over the world.
- ▶ English is spoken all over the world.



**Read the text about Harry Barnes and find two examples for each tense in the table below.**

<b>Present simple active</b>	<b>Present continuous</b>	<b>Present simple passive</b>



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