

PRESENT SIMPLE & PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Present Simple



Present Continuous



S + verb

S + am/is/are (not) + V-ing

Express general truths

E.g. It rarely rains in the desert.

Describe actions happening now

E.g. She is reading a newspaper upstairs.

Indicate present habits

E.g. The birds return to the island every morning.

Express annoying habits (+ always)

E.g. You're always forgetting to pay the bills.

Express timetable events

E.g. The plane to London takes off at 6:30 a.m.

Describe future arrangements (informal)

E.g. She's getting married on 3 November.

Indicate permanent states

E.g. I like the new James Bond film.

Express temporary states

E.g. She's working at the museum until the end of this month.

