

PRESENT SIMPLE AND PRESENT CONTINUOUS:

We use the **present simple** tense to express fixed habits or routines, and we use the **present continuous** to talk about actions which are happening at the moment but will end in a short time.

PRESENT SIMPLE:

We form the present simple from the infinitive form.

Be careful with the **third person singular** (he, she or it), because it **adds '-s'** (or **'-es'** if the verb ends by '-ss', '-sh', '-ch', '-o' or '-x').

USEFUL WORDS TO USE WITH THE PRESENT SIMPLE TENSE:

- **often** (*con frecuencia*)
- **sometimes** (*algunhas veces*)
- **usually** (*normalmente*)
- **rarely** (*rara vez*)
- **hardly ever** (*rara vez*)
- **never** (*nunca*)
- **seldom** (*raramente*)
- **everyday** (*todos os días*)
- **always** (*sempre*)
- **every week** (*todas as semanas*)

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Example: eat (comer)

AFFIRMATIVE:

(Singular)

I **eat**

You **eat**

He/she/it **eats**

(Plural)

We **eat**

You **eat**

They **eat**

NEGATIVE:

(Singular)

I **do not eat** (long form) => (short form:) I **don't eat**

You **do not eat** (long form) => (short form:) You **don't eat**

He/she/it **does not eat** (long form) => (short form:) He/she/it **doesn't eat**

(Plural)

We **do not eat** (long form) => (short form:) We **don't eat**.

You **do not eat** (long form) => (short form:) You **don't eat**.

They **do not eat** (long form) => (short form:) They **don't eat**.

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INTERROGATIVE AND SHORT ANSWERS:

(Singular)

Do I eat?

-> (+) Yes, you **do**.

-> (-) No, you **do not**. (Long form). = (-) No, you **don't**. (Short form).

Do you eat?

-> (+) Yes, I **do**.

-> (-) No, I **do not**. (Long form). = (-) No, I **don't**. (Short form).

Does he/she/it eat?

-> (+) Yes, he/she/it **does**.

-> (-) No, he/she/it **does not**. (Long form). = (-) No, he/she/it **doesn't**. (Short form).

(Plural)

Do we eat?

-> (+) Yes, you **do**.

-> (-) No, you **do not**. (Long form). = (-) No, you **don't**. (Short form).

Do you eat?

-> (+) Yes, we **do**.

-> (-) No, we **do not**. (Long form). = (-) No, we **don't**. (Short form).

Do they eat?

-> (+) Yes, they **do**.

-> (-) No, they **do not**. (Long form). = (-) No, they **don't**. (Short form).

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PRESENT CONTINUOUS:

We use the present continuous to express something that is happening at the moment or that is going to happen in the future:

Examples:

I am watching TV now. (= Estou vendo a TV agora).

I am flying to London in two days. (= Voo a Londres dentro de dous días).

USEFUL WORDS TO USE WITH THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE:

- **now** (*agora*)
- **right now** (*agora mesmo*)
- **at the moment** (*no momento*)
- **at this moment** (*neste momento*)
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HOW DO WE FORM THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE?

We need the **verb TO BE** in **present simple** tense and a **gerund** (-ing):

TO BE:

AFFIRMATIVE:
INTERROGATIVE:

NEGATIVE:
SHORT ANSWER:

(Singular)

I am I am not (I'm not)
(+) Yes, you **are**. / (-) No, you **are not**.

Am I?

You are **You are not** (**You aren't**)
 (+) Yes, I **am.** / (-) No, I **am not,** (**No, I'm not**).

Are you?

He/she/it **is** He/she/it **is not** (He/she/it **isn't**)
 (+) Yes, he/she/it **is.** / (-) No, he/she/it **is not,** (No, he/she/it **isn't,**

Is he/she/it?

(Plural)

We are We are not. (We aren't)
(+) Yes, you **are**. / (-) No, you **are not**, (No, you **aren't**).

Are we?

You are **You are not.** (You **aren't**)
 (+) Yes, we **are**. / (-) No, we **are not**, (No, we **aren't**).

Are you?

They **are**. They **are not**. (They **aren't**)
 (+) Yes, they **are**. / (-) No, they **are not**. (No, they **aren't**).

Are they?

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GERUND:

HOW TO FORM A GERUND:

We add -ing to the infinitive form (without 'to'):

Example: work -> working

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put -> putting

run -> running

write -> writing

dance -> dancing

=> PRESENT CONTINUOUS:

Example: verb to eat (=comer):

AFFIRMATIVE:

(Long form)

(Short form)

(Singular)

I am eating	= I'm eating
You are eating	= You're eating
He/she/it is eating	= He/she/it's eating

(Plural)

We are eating	= We're eating
You are eating	= You're eating
They are eating	= They're eating

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NEGATIVE:**(Long form)****(Short form)***(Singular)*

I am not eating	= I'm not eating
You are not eating	= You aren't eating
He/she/it is not eating	= He/she/it isn't eating

(Plural)

We are not eating	= We aren't eating
You are not eating	= You aren't eating
They are not eating	= They aren't eating

INTERROGATIVE:**Question:****Short answers:**

	(+) Affirmative	(-) Negative: Long form	(-) Negative:
Short form			
<i>(Singular)</i>			
Am I eating? aren't.	(+) Yes, you are.	(-) No, you are not.	(-) No, you
Are you eating?	(+) Yes, I am.	(-) No, I am not.	(-) No, I'm not.
Is he/she/it eating? isn't.	(+) Yes, he/she/it is.	(-) No, he/she/it is not.	(-) No, he/she/it
<i>(Plural)</i>			
Are we eating? aren't.	(+) Yes, you are.	(-) No, you are not.	(-) No, you
Are you eating? aren't.	(+) Yes, we are.	(-) No, we are not.	(-) No, we

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Are they eating?
aren't.

(+) Yes, they are.

(-) No, they are not.

(-) No, they

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