

GRAMMAR IN USE

Present Simple or Present Continuous

PRESENT SIMPLE VS. PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Present Simple

General truths

- It rarely **rains** in the desert.
- You **play** chess with 32 pieces.

Present habits

- The birds **return** to the island every morning.
- Marsha **goes** to dance club every Thursday.



Timetable events

- The plane to London **takes** off at 6:30 a.m.
- The Drama club **meets** every other week at 7:30 p.m.

Permanent states

- He **works** at a hotel.
- I **like** the new James Bond film.

Adverbs

always, usually, often,
sometimes, rarely, never...

Phrases

every week/Monday/month/year...
once/twice/three times a week...



Present Continuous

Actions happening now

- She **is reading** a newspaper upstairs.
- I'm busy, I'm **doing** my homework.

Annoying habits (+ always)

- You're **always** forgetting to pay the bills.
- He's **always singing** in the shower.

Future arrangements

- She's **getting** married on 3 November.
- We're **leaving** at 3 this afternoon.



Temporary states

- She's **working** at the museum until the end of this month.

Phrases

now, right now, at the moment,
today, this week/month/year...