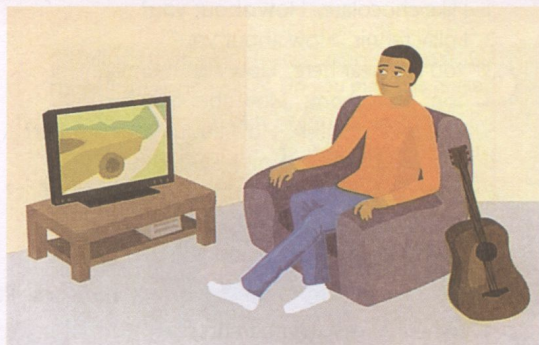


# I am doing (present continuous) and I do (simple present)

Jack is watching television.  
He is *not* playing the guitar.

But Jack has a guitar.  
He plays it a lot, and he plays very well.

Jack **plays** the guitar,  
but he **is not playing** the guitar now.



Is he **playing** the guitar? **No, he isn't.** (present continuous)

Does he **play** the guitar? **Yes, he does.** (simple present)

## B

Present continuous (**I am doing**) = now, at the time of speaking:

## I'm doing

past

now

future

- ☐ Please be quiet. **I'm working.** (not I work)
- ☐ Tom **is taking** a shower at the moment. (not Tom takes)
- ☐ Take an umbrella with you. **It's raining.**
- ☐ You can turn off the TV. **I'm not watching** it.
- ☐ Why are you under the table? What **are** you doing?

## C

Simple present (**I do**) = in general, all the time, or sometimes:

## I do

past

now

future

- ☐ I **work** every day from 9:00 to 5:30.
- ☐ Tom **takes** a shower every morning.
- ☐ It **rains** a lot there in the winter.
- ☐ I **don't watch** TV very often.
- ☐ What **do** you usually **do** on weekends?

## D

We do *not* use these verbs in the *present continuous* (**I am -ing**):





like	want	know	understand	remember
prefer	need	mean	believe	forget

Use only the *simple present* with these verbs (I **want** / **do** you **like**?, etc.):

- ☐ I'm tired. I **want** to go home. (not I'm wanting)
- ☐ "Do you **know** that girl?" "Yes, but I **don't remember** her name."
- ☐ I **don't understand**. What **do** you **mean**?



## 8.1 Answer the questions about the pictures.

<p>1 </p> <p>Does he take photographs? <u>Yes, he does.</u></p> <p>Is he taking a photograph? <u>No, he isn't.</u></p> <p>What is he doing? <u>He's taking a bath.</u></p>	<p>2 </p> <p>Is she driving a bus? _____</p> <p>Does she drive a bus? _____</p> <p>What is she doing? _____</p>
<p>3 </p> <p>Does he wash windows? _____</p> <p>Is he washing a window? _____</p> <p>What is he doing? _____</p>	<p>4 </p> <p>Are they teaching? _____</p> <p>Do they teach? _____</p> <p>What do they do? _____</p>

## 8.2 Complete the sentences with **am/is/are** or **do/don't/does/doesn't**.

- Excuse me, do you speak English?
- "Where's Kate?" "I know."
- What's so funny? Why are you laughing?
- "What do your sister do?" "She's a dentist."
- It is raining. I want to go out in the rain.
- "Where do you come from?" "Canada."
- How much did it cost to stay at this hotel? Is it expensive?
- Steve is a good tennis player, but he doesn't play very often.

## 8.3 Put the verb in the **present continuous (I am doing)** or the **simple present (I do)**.

- Excuse me, do you speak (you/speak) English?
- "Where's Tom?" " He's taking (he/take) a shower."
- I don't watch (I/not/watch) TV very often.
- Listen! Somebody is singing (sing).
- Sarah is tired. she wants (she/want) to go home now.
- How often do you use (you/use) your car? Every day?
- "Excuse me, but are you sitting (you/sit) in my seat?" "Oh, I'm sorry."
- I'm sorry, I don't understand (I/not/understand). Can you speak more slowly?
- It's late. he is going (I/go) home now. come (you/come) with me?
- What time do your father / finish (your father / finish) work every day?
- You can turn off the radio. I don't listen (I/not/listen) to it.
- "Where's Eric?" "In the kitchen. he is cooking (he/cook) something."
- Josh doesn't drive (not/usually/drive) to work. He walks (usually/walk).
- Sue doesn't like (not/like) coffee. she prefers (she/prefer) tea.