

Present Simple vs Present Continuous

Use the **Present Simple** for habits, facts and permanent situations: *I work in Cluj*. Use the **Present Continuous** for what's happening now or around now, and for temporary situations: *I'm working from home this week*.

PRESENT SIMPLE · HABITS, FACTS, PERMANENT

I **work** in Cluj.



PRESENT CONTINUOUS · NOW, TEMPORARY

I'm **working** from home this week.



1. Choose the right answer Circle a or b.

- He _____ to work by bike, but today he's taking the bus.
a) goes b) is going
- Where's Ana? — She _____ a shower.
a) has b) 's having
- I _____ in Bucharest, but this month I'm staying in Cluj.
a) live b) am living
- Water _____ at 100°C.
a) is boiling b) boils
- Hurry up! Everyone _____ for us.
a) waits b) is waiting

2. Correct the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

1. I'm usually getting up at 7.

2. Listen! Someone knocks at the door.

3. I'm wanting a coffee.

3. Your turn

Write two sentences about your own life: one with **Present Simple** and one with **Present Continuous**. Then explain the difference to a partner.

See the rule move

The full lesson, with more pictures, examples and a quiz that checks your answers, is free at clarigram.app/compare/present-simple-vs-present-continuous

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1. Choose the right answer

1. **a) goes** His usual habit takes the Present Simple.
2. **b) 's having** It's happening right now.
3. **a) live** Bucharest is the permanent situation; Cluj is the temporary one.
4. **b) boils** A scientific fact takes the Present Simple.
5. **b) is waiting** The waiting is happening right now.

2. Correct the mistake

1. **I usually get up at 7.** Usually describes a habit, so it takes the Present Simple.
2. **Listen! Someone is knocking at the door.** Listen! points to something happening right now.
3. **I want a coffee.** Want is a state verb, so it stays in the Present Simple.

3. Your turn

Answers will vary. Check that each sentence follows the rule on page 1, or paste them into Clarigram to have them checked.