

Unit 2

2.1 Present Simple

Form

Positive and negative

I	live	near here.
We	don't live	
You		
They		
He	lives	
She	doesn't live	
It		

Question

Where	do	I	live?
		we	
		you	
		they	
	does	he	
		she	
		it	

Short answer

Do you like Peter?	Yes, I do.
Does she speak French?	No, she doesn't.

Use

The Present Simple is used to express:

- a habit.
I **get up** at 7.30.
Cinda **smokes** too much.
- a fact which is always true.
Vegetarians **don't eat** meat.
We **come** from Spain.
- a fact which is true for a long time.
I **live** in Oxford.
She **works** in a bank.

2.2 Present Continuous

Form

am/is/are + -ing (present participle)

Positive and negative

I	'm (am)	working.
	'm not	
He		
She	's (is)	
It	isn't	
We	're (are)	
You	aren't	
They		

Question

What	am	I	wearing?
	is	he	
		she	
		it	
	are	we	
		you	
		they	

Short answer

Are you going?	Yes, I am./No, I'm not.	NOT Yes, I'm. Yes, she's.
Is Anna working?	Yes, she is./No, she isn't.	

Use

The Present Continuous is used to express:

- an activity happening now.
They're **playing** football in the garden.
She can't answer the phone because she's **washing** her hair.
- an activity happening around now, but perhaps not at the moment of speaking.
She's **studying** maths at university.
I'm **reading** a good book by Henry James.
- a planned future arrangement.
I'm **meeting** Miss Boyd at ten o'clock tomorrow.
What are you **doing** this evening?

2.3 Present Simple and Present Continuous

- Look at the wrong sentences, and compare them with the correct sentences.

X	Hans is coming from Germany.
✓	Hans comes from Germany.
X	This is a great wedding party. Everyone has a good time.
✓	This is a great wedding party. Everyone is having a good time.
X	I read a good book at the moment.
✓	I'm reading a good book at the moment.

- There are some verbs that are usually used in the Present Simple only. They express a state, not an activity.

✓	I like coffee.
X	I'm liking coffee.

Other verbs like this are *think, agree, understand, love*.