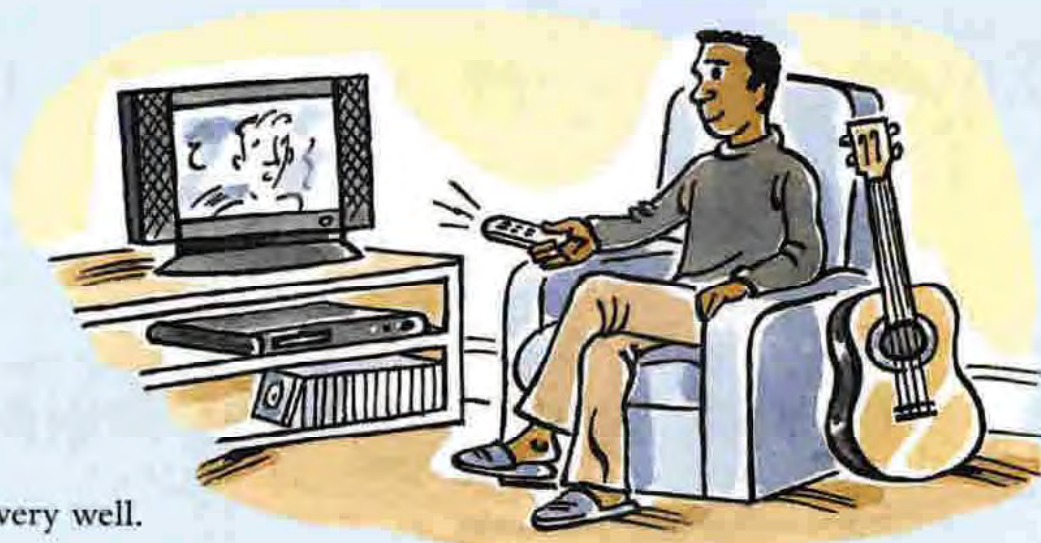


# I am doing (present continuous) and I do (simple present)

**A**



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 television. **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 in the winter.
- I **don't watch** television very often.
- What **do** you usually **do** on weekends?

**D**

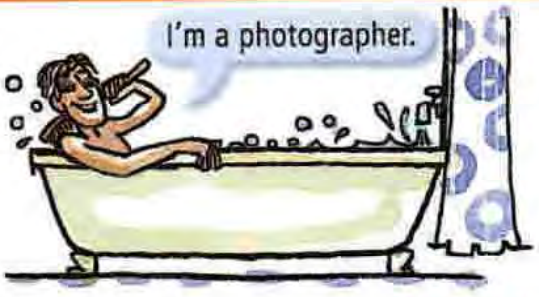



We do *not* use these verbs in the present continuous (**I am -ing**):

like	love	want	know	understand	remember	depend
prefer	hate	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 \_\_\_\_\_ you laughing?
- "What \_\_\_\_\_ your sister do?" "She's a dentist."
- It \_\_\_\_\_ raining. I \_\_\_\_\_ want to go out in the rain.
- "Where \_\_\_\_\_ you come from?" "Canada."
- How much \_\_\_\_\_ it cost to send a letter to Canada?
- Steve is a good tennis player, but he \_\_\_\_\_ 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) television very often.
- Listen! Somebody \_\_\_\_\_ (sing).
- Sandra is tired. \_\_\_\_\_ (she / want) to go home now.
- How often \_\_\_\_\_ (you / read) a newspaper?
- "Excuse me, but \_\_\_\_\_ (you / sit) in my seat." "Oh, I'm sorry."
- I'm sorry, \_\_\_\_\_ (I / not / understand). Can you speak more slowly?
- It's late. \_\_\_\_\_ (I / go) home now. \_\_\_\_\_ (you / come) with me?
- What time \_\_\_\_\_ (your father / finish) work every day?
- You can turn off the radio. \_\_\_\_\_ (I / not / listen) to it.
- "Where's Paul?" "In the kitchen. \_\_\_\_\_ (he / cook) something."
- Martin \_\_\_\_\_ (not / usually / drive) to work. He \_\_\_\_\_ (usually / walk).
- Sue \_\_\_\_\_ (not / like) coffee. \_\_\_\_\_ (she / prefer) tea.