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

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Jack is watching television.

He is not playing the guitar.

But Jack has a guitar.

He often plays it 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)

future

Does he play the guitar?

Yes, he does.

(present simple)

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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** hav**ing** a shower at the moment. (not Tom has)
- ☐ 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 do**ing**?

Present simple (I do) = in general, all the time or sometimes:

#### I do

past now

- □ I work every day from 9 o'clock to 5.30.
- ☐ Tom **has** a shower every morning.
- ☐ It **rains** a lot in winter.
- ☐ I don't watch television very often.
- □ What **do** you usually **do** at the weekend?

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

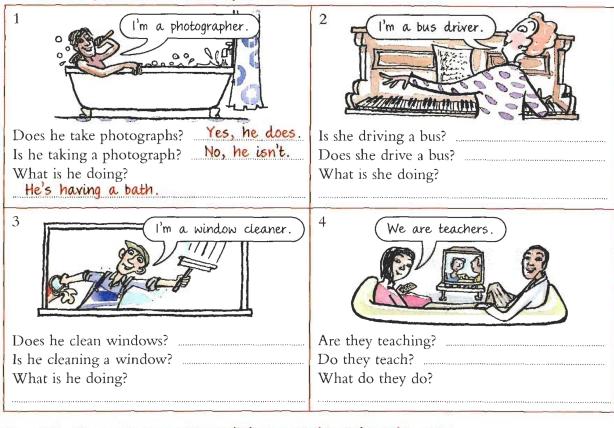
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Use only the present simple with these verbs (I want / do you like? etc.):

- 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.'
- L don't understand. What do you mean?

Exercises Unit 8

#### 8.1 Answer the questions about the pictures.



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

1	Excuse me,do you speak English?
2	'Where's Kate?' 'Iknow.'
3	What's funny? Why you laughing?
4	'Whatyour sister do?' 'She's a dentist.'
5	It want to go out in the rain
6	'Where you come from?' 'Canada.'
7	How much it cost to send a letter to Canada?
8	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 present simple (I do).

1	Excuse me, do you speak (you/speak) English?		
2	'Where's Tom?' 'He's having (he/have) a shower.'		
3	I don't watch (I/not/watch) television very often.		
4	4 Listen! Somebody (sing).		
5	5 Sandra is tired. (she/want) to	go home now.	
	6 How often (you/read) a news		
7	7 'Excuse me, but (you/sit) ir	n my place.' 'Oh, I'm sorry.'	
8	8 I'm sorry, (I/not/understan	nd). Can you speak more slowly?	
	It's late. (I/go) home now.		
	(you/come) with me?		
10	10 What time	r father / finish) work every day?	
11	11 You can turn off the radio	(I/not/listen) to it	
12	12 'Where's Paul?' 'In the kitchen.	(he/cook) something.'	
13	13 Martin	(not/usually/drive) to work. He	
(usually/walk).			
14		(she/prefer) tea	