

PRESENT SIMPLE VS PRESENT CONTINUOUS

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Now you use both. You will interview a partner. One question is about LIFE, one about LIVE.

A. Read The Interview - Find Simple and Continuous

Interviewer: What do you do?

Anna: I work in a shop. I usually work 6 days a week. But this week I am working only 4 days because I am studying for an exam.

Interviewer: Do you like your job?

Anna: Yes, I like it, but I want a better job. At the moment I am looking for a job online.

Interviewer: What are you wearing today?

Anna: Today I am wearing a uniform. I usually wear jeans.

Questions:

1. What does Anna usually do? (Simple) _____
2. What is she doing this week? (Continuous) _____
3. Find one stative verb: _____
4. Why is 'I am liking' wrong here? _____

B. Your Interview - Ask Your Partner

Ask your partner. Write their answer.

1. **LIFE**: What do you usually wear to work / school?
   Answer: _____
   LIVE: What are you wearing today? A: _____
2. **LIFE**: What do you do in your free time?
   Answer: _____
   LIVE: What are you doing this weekend? A: _____
3. **LIFE**: Where do you live?
   Answer: _____
   LIVE: Are you living in the same place as last year? A: _____
4. **LIFE**: What do you want to do next year?
   Answer: _____
   LIVE: What are you studying / learning these days? A: _____

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C. Write About Your Partner - 5 Sentences

Now write about your partner. Use 3 Present Simple (including 1 stative) and 2 Present Continuous.

Example: Linh usually works in an office. She likes her job. She wants to learn English. This week she is working from home. Today she is wearing a white shirt.

1. _____ (Simple / Stative)
2. _____ (Simple)
3. _____ (Simple)
4. _____ (Continuous - now / today)
5. _____ (Continuous - this week / these days)

D. Spot The Difference Game

Work with a partner. Think of a friend or family member.

One student says LIFE sentence (always).

The other says LIVE sentence (today / this week).

Example:

- Usually: He usually rides a motorbike to work.
- But today: But today he is taking the bus because his bike is broken.

Your turn - Choose a person you know:

Person: My _____ (brother / friend / sister / mother)

Usually: _____ (Present Simple - always)

But today / this week: _____ (Present Continuous - now / temporary)

Usually: _____

But today / this week: _____

Usually: _____

But today / this week: _____

Usually: _____

But today / this week: _____

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Answer Key

A.

1. She works in a shop, 6 days a week. 2. She is working only 4 days, studying for exam. 3. like, want, like (stative). 4. like is stative, cannot use -ing for state.

B/C.

Check mix: need 3 simple incl 1 stative (like, want, know, need) and 2 continuous (am/is/are + -ing) for now/today/this week/these days.

Tip: Students forget -ing spelling: wear -> wearing (not wearring), live -> living.

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