**Present Simple Vs Present Continuous**

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| **Present Simple** | **Present Continuous** |
| ***Things which are always true:**** Water **boils** at 100 degrees.
 | ***Things which are happening at the moment of speaking:**** The water **is boiling** now, so you can put in the pasta.
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| ***Permanent situations (or nearly permanent; true for a few years at least):**** Julie **lives** in London.
 | ***Temporary situations:**** Julie **is living** in Paris for a few months (usually she lives in London).

***Situations which are slowly changing***:* I**'m getting** better and better at speaking English.
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| ***Habits or things we do regularly:**** I **drink** coffee every morning.
 | ***Temporary or new habits:**** I**'m drinking** too much coffee these days because I'm so busy at work.

***Annoying habits (usually with 'always'):**** My flatmate **is always leaving** the kitchen in a mess!
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| ***Future events which are part of a timetable:**** My plane **leaves** at eight tonight.

***To talk about the future after certain words ('when' 'until' 'after' 'before' 'as soon as'):**** I'll call you **when I get** home.
 | ***Definite future plans:**** I**'m meeting** John after class today.
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| To ***talk about what happens in books, plays and films:**** At the end of the book, the detective **catches** the killer.
 | ***To talk about people in pictures and photos:**** In this photo, my mother **is walking** beside a lake
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