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Present simple

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Monkeys love bananas.

New York is bigger than Menden.

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Tenses

Simple present

a) is used to describe habitual actions or facts:

*She **swims** every morning.*

b) is used for general truths:

*The sun **rises** in the East.*

c) is used for permanent situations:

*He **lives** in New York.*

d) is used for scheduled events in the future, both from the present and past perspective:

*The **train** leaves at 9 o'clock tomorrow..*

Tenses

Present continuous	I **am talking** to you right now.
	You **are listening** to me (hopefully…).

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Tenses

Present continuous

a) is used to describe an ongoing process or a temporary action:

*You **are listening** to me. (ongoing process)*

*He **is working** on a project this week. (temporary action)*

b) is used to describe future arrangements or plans:

*I **am having** dinner with my boss tomorrow.*

c) is used to describe ongoing trends or changes:

*The climate **is getting** warmer.*

*With the introduction of AI, technology **is advancing** rapidly.*

Elements of the present continuous/progressive are the **form of to be** corresponding with the subject of the sentence and the **present participle (-ing form)** of the sentence's main verb.

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Use the simple or continuous/progressive form:

Translate:

Männer trinken gerne Bier.	*Men **like** to drink beer.*
Die Zeiten werden härter.	*Times **are getting** harder.*
Ich telefoniere gerade!	**I'm talking** on the phone.
Wer bereitet die Dinge für heute Abend vor?	*Who **is preparing** the things for tonight?*
Es schneit. Wir müssen zuhause bleiben.	*It **is snowing**. We **have to** stay home.*
Wandern macht Spaß.	*Hiking **is** fun.*