

PRESENT TENSES

PRESENT SIMPLE

- STRUCTURE

- + Subj + V(-(e)s) + Obj

- - Subj + do(es) + not + Vinf + Obj

- ? Do(es) + subj + Vinf + Obj?

- Examples

- I live in Barcelona

- He doesn't live in Barcelona

- Do you live in Barcelona?

• Uses

- Facts and States
 - The Earth **goes** around the sun
 - The sun **sets** in the west
- Habits and repeated actions
 - Lucas **gets up** at 7 o'clock
 - She **walks** to school every day
- Permanent situations
 - Maria **lives** in Buenos Aires
 - It **costs** a lot of money to stay at the Hilton.
- Schedules or programmes
 - The train **leaves** in an hour
- To talk about jokes, stories, tales, sport events...
 - Two people **walk** into a restaurant. One of them **says** to the waiter...
 - Henry **kicks** the ball! It's a goal!

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

- STRUCTURE

- + Subj + am/is/are + Ving + Obj
- - Subj + am/is/are + not + Ving + Obj
- ? Am/is/are + subj + Ving + Obj?

- Examples

- I am working
- He is not working
- Are you working?

• Uses

- Actions happening at the moment of speaking (now)
 - I **am writing** an email to a customer. I'm busy now.
 - Mary is on the phone. She's **speaking** to someone.
- Temporary situations
 - We usually have dinner at home, but today we're **eating** out.
- Actions which occur regularly when a complaint is implied
 - She's **always** losing her keys
- Actions that are scheduled in the future (with a time reference)
 - I'm **meeting** Barbara tonight.