



ENGLISH GRAMMAR 1

ELEMENTARY LEVEL

Unit 8 – I am doing (present continuous)
and I do (present simple)

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I am doing and I do

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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.

- EX1: **Is he playing** the guitar? **No, he isn't.** (present continuous)
- EX2: **Does he play** the guitar? **Yes, he does.** (present simple)

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I AM DOING

B

I'm doing

past

now

future

Present continuous (I am doing) = now, at the time of speaking:

- EX3: Please be quiet. **I'm working.** (not I work)
- EX4: Tom **is having** a shower at the moment. (not Tom has)
- EX5: Take an umbrella with you. It's **raining.**
- EX6: You can turn off the television. **I'm not watching** it.
- EX7: Why are you under the table? What **are you doing?**

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I DO

C



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

- EX8: I **work** every day from 9 o'clock to 5.30.
- EX9: Tom **has** a shower every morning.
- EX10: It **rains** a lot in winter.
- EX11: I **don't watch** TV very often.
- EX12: What **do** you usually **do** at weekends?

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NON-PROGRESSIVE VERBS

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

Like

Want

Know

Understand

Remember

Prefer

need

Mean

Believe

Forget

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

- EX13: I'm tired. I **want** to go home. (*not I'm wanting*)
- EX14: '**Do** you **know** that girl?' 'Yes, but I **don't remember** her name.'
- EX15: I **don't understand**. What do you mean?