

## Present simple or present progressive?

present progressive? או Present simple  
present progressive أم Present simple?

Summary: when to use the present simple and when to use the present progressive

סיכום: מתי משתמשים ב-present simple ומתי ב-present progressive  
מלخص: מתי נשתמש ב-present simple ומתי נשתמש ב-present progressive

### Two present tenses

שני זמני הווה  
זמנן להחזיר

| Tense               | When?                   | Example                  |
|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Present simple      | habits, facts, routines | Omer swims every Sunday. |
| Present progressive | now, at this moment     | Omer is swimming now.    |

### How do we build them?

איך בונים אותם?  
كيف نبنيهما؟

|   | Present simple    | Present progressive |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|
| + | She reads.        | She is reading.     |
| - | She doesn't read. | She isn't reading.  |
| ? | Does she read?    | Is she reading?     |

### Time words

מילות זמן  
كلمات الزمن

1. Present simple: always, usually, often, sometimes, never, every day, on Mondays.
2. Present progressive: now, right now, at the moment, today, Look!, Listen!

### Spelling of -ing

כתיב של -ing  
إملاء -ing

1. play – playing, read – reading
2. write – writing (drop the e)

write – writing (מורידים את ה-e)  
write – writing (נחذف ה-e)

3. swim – swimming, run – running (double the last letter)

swim – swimming, run – running (מכפילים את האות האחרונה)  
swim – swimming, run – running (نضاعف الحرف الأخير)

Picture words · מילים בתמונות · كلمات بالصّور

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|  <p><b>school</b><br/>בית ספר<br/>مدرسة</p> |  <p><b>bike</b><br/>אופניים<br/>دراجة</p> |  <p><b>ball</b><br/>כדור<br/>كرة</p> |  <p><b>bus</b><br/>אוטובוס<br/>حافلة</p> |  <p><b>computer</b><br/>מחשב<br/>حاسوب</p> |  <p><b>tennis</b><br/>טניס<br/>تنس</p> |
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**Remember!** Ask yourself: Is it a habit or a fact? Use the present simple. Is it happening now? Use am / is / are + verb-ing.

שאלו את עצמכם: זה הרגל או עובדה? השתמשו ב-present simple. זה קורה עכשיו? השתמשו ב-verb-ing + am / is / are.  
اسأل نفسك: هل هي عادة أم حقيقة؟ استعمل present simple. هل يحدث الآن؟ استعمل verb-ing + am / is / are.

 **Worked example:** Every day Ben \_\_\_\_ (walk) to school, but today he is going by bus.

1. The time words are «every day»: a habit.
2. A habit takes the present simple.
3. Ben = he, so we add -s.

**Answer:** walks

 **Check yourself – Complete with the correct form of the verb.**

השלימו בצורה הנכונה של הפועל.  
أكمل بالصيغة الصحيحة للفعل.

- a. My mom \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) coffee every morning.
- b. Be quiet! The baby \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep).
- c. Noa \_\_\_\_\_ (not / like) spicy food.
- d. Right now the boys \_\_\_\_\_ (play) chess.

Self-check answers: a. drinks · b. is sleeping · c. doesn't like · d. are playing