

Patina · Grammar

I work / I am working

present simple · present continuous

always → I work. now → I **am** working. Pick your language at the top for a note in your own words.

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★ Two ways to say the present

Two ways. Present: always. Present continuous: now.

PRESENT

always

I **WORK** at a restaurant. 🗣️He **GOES** to school every day. 🗣️You **EAT** lunch at work. 🗣️

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

now

I **AM** walking to school now. 🗣️He **IS** taking the bus to work. 🗣️You **ARE** learning English today. 🗣️

In English, right now needs two words: am, is, or are, then the -ing verb. Never drop the little word.

★★ How to build it

The present continuous is always two words: am, is, or are, then the verb with -ing.

am / is / are + verb-ing

I **am** working. 🗣️She **is** working. 🗣️They **are** working. 🗣️

I	-----	am 🗣️
You	-----	are 🗣️
He/She/It	-----	is 🗣️
We	-----	are 🗣️
They	-----	are 🗣️

Start with the subject. The tree gives you the little red word. Never drop it.

★★★ Present, or present continuous?

Which one is it: present, or present continuous?

1	right now	present	present continuous
2	always	present	present continuous
3	at the moment	present	present continuous
4	usually	present	present continuous
5	now	present	present continuous
6	on Mondays	present	present continuous

Now choose the form

Look at the last words. They tell you which form to use.

1	I _____ at a restaurant every day.	work	am working
2	I _____ right now.	work	am working
3	Maria _____ English every day.	studies	is studying
4	Maria _____ English at the moment.	studies	is studying
5	They _____ lunch at 12:00 every day.	eat	are eating
6	They _____ lunch right now.	eat	are eating

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