

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SIMPLE PRESENT AND PRESENT PROGRESSIVE

DID YOU KNOW..?

SIMPLE PRESENT

We use it to describe a fact or a habit.

Examples:

- The Earth is round.
- The dog has four legs.
- I play hockey on Tuesday and Friday.

PRESENT PROGRESSIVE

We use it to describe actions happening right now.

Examples:

- What's happening? The Earth is shaking!
- The dog is running behind the car.
- What am I doing? I'm playing hockey!

1. Read the different descriptions. First, determine if they are facts/habits or actions happening right now. Then, conjugate the verb in the simple present or in the present progressive.

- Look! The cat _____ with a red ball. (to play)
- The cat _____ long whiskers under its nose. (to have)
- This black bird _____ above the trees. (to fly)
- The ravens and the owls _____ in the trees. (to live)
- What's that? Oh no, a worm _____ a hole inside my apple, and it's still there! It's disgusting! (to dig)
- Don't panic, Mandy, but a scorpion _____ on your leg right now... (to climb)
- The giraffes _____ leaves at the top of the trees. (to eat)
- Listen! Mary _____ in the shower! Oh my God! (to sing)
- My father _____ with a computer every day. (to work)
- Yesterday, my dad worked in Québec City. Today, he _____ in Montréal. (to work)
- My mother _____ my sister's hair every night before going to bed. (to brush)
- It's bedtime! Kim and Tom _____ their teeth. (to brush)
- What are you doing? OK, you _____ your favourite TV show and you _____ popcorn! (to watch, to eat)
- Mount Everest _____ the highest mountain. (to be)

