

PRESENT SIMPLE vs PRESENT CONTINUOUS

+ Present Simple

Subject + base verb (+ -s / -es)

+ Present Continuous

Subject + am / is / are + verb-ing

Subject = sujeto · base verb = verbo sin conjugar · -s / -es solo con he / she / it

I

I **carry** books.

Yo llevo libros.

I **am carrying** books.

Yo estoy llevando libros.

You

You **carry** books.

Tú llevas libros.

You **are carrying** books.

Tú estás llevando libros.

He

He **carries** books.

Él lleva libros.

He **is carrying** books.

Él está llevando libros.

She

She **carries** books.

Ella lleva libros.

She **is carrying** books.

Ella está llevando libros.

It

It **carries** books.

El robot lleva libros.

It **is carrying** books.

El robot está llevando libros.

We

We **carry** books.

Nosotros llevamos libros.

We **are carrying** books.

Nosotros estamos llevando libros.

You
(plural)You **carry** books.

Vosotros lleváis libros.

You **are carrying** books.

Vosotros estáis llevando libros.

They

They **carry** books.

Ellos llevan libros.

They **are carrying** books.

Ellos están llevando libros.

WH

What / Where / When / Who / Why / How

Qué / Dónde / Cuándo / Quién / Por qué / Cómo

Present Simple: WH + do / does + subject + base verb?

Present Continuous: WH + am / is / are + subject + verb-ing?

- Negative

Present Simple

Subject + don't / doesn't + base verb

do not = don't / does not = doesn't

She **doesn't play**.

Ella no juega.

Present Continuous

Subject + am / is / are + not + verb-ing

is not = isn't / are not = aren't

She **isn't playing**.

Ella no está jugando.

✓ Short answers

Present Simple

Yes, subject + do / does.

No, subject + don't / doesn't.

Yes, she **does**. / No, she **doesn't**.

Sí. / No.

Present Continuous

Yes, subject + am / is / are.

No, subject + am not / isn't / aren't.

Yes, she **is**. / No, she **isn't**.

Sí. / No.

? Questions

Present Simple

Do / Does + subject + base verb?

Does she **play**?

¿Ella juega?

Present Continuous

Am / Is / Are + subject + verb-ing?

Is she **playing**?

¿Ella está jugando?

! Watch out!

Present Continuous

× I amn't reading.

✓ I **am not reading**. = I'm not reading.

No estoy leyendo.

Present Continuous

× Yes, I'm.

✓ **Yes, I am**.

Sí. Respuesta corta: no contraer am.