

Watch out for common Turkish speakers' mistakes in English!

Turkish learners sometimes use the present continuous when they should use the present simple.

Get it right! Use:

- the present simple for facts, habits and routines:
WRONG ~~*My phone is taking good photos.*~~
CORRECT *My phone **takes** good photos.*
- the present continuous for things that are happening at the moment:
WRONG ~~*I write to invite you to my party.*~~
CORRECT *I **am writing** to invite you to my party.*

Turkish learners sometimes use the present continuous for verbs that are only used in the present simple.

Get it right! Use:

- the present simple for *be*, *want*, *like*, *love* and *need*:
WRONG ~~*I am wanting to come with you.*~~
CORRECT *I **want** to come with you.*

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

1 ★ Circle the correct words.

- 1 I speak to him most days / *at the moment*.
- 2 Yusuf and I go to the café *now* / *on Saturday morning*.
- 3 It's raining *now* / *every day*.
- 4 We go to the beach *now* / *at the weekend*.
- 5 Ahmet is studying hard *every day* / *at the moment*.
- 6 She emails her mother *at the moment* / *twice a week*.

2 ★ Match the sentence halves.

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| 1 I am walking | a to the station every day. |
| 2 She is leaving | b college at five o'clock. |
| 3 We never watch | c a film at the moment. |
| 4 We are watching | d to the station right now. |
| 5 I walk | e films during the day. |
| 6 She leaves | f college now. |

3 ★★ Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I see (see) Azra every day.
- 2 At the moment, I _____ (study) to become an English teacher.
- 3 In the evenings, she _____ (chat) with her friends online.
- 4 Right now, I _____ (have) coffee with some friends.
- 5 In the winter, it _____ (be) very cold.
- 6 I'm happy because I _____ (listen) to some beautiful music.

4 ★★ Correct the underlined mistake in each sentence.

- 1 We have breakfast at the moment.
We are having breakfast at the moment.
- 2 I can't speak to her at the moment because she drives.

- 3 This new class is being more fun!

- 4 We go to the station now.

- 5 I am wanting to improve my English.

- 6 When I'm with Omer, I am laughing a lot.

5 ★★★ Tick (✓) the correct sentences. Correct the incorrect sentences.

- 1 I am being cold. ☐
I am cold
- 2 I am playing the piano most days. ☐
- 3 Zeynep and I go to the same school. ☐
- 4 At the moment, I'm trying to get a job. ☐
- 5 It never snows at this time of the year. ☐
- 6 At the moment, she studies for her exams. ☐

6 ★★★ Complete the sentences with things that you and your best friend do.

- 1 In the morning, I _____.
- 2 After school, I _____.
- 3 At the moment, I _____.
- 4 In the morning, my best friend _____.
- 5 After school, my best friend _____.
- 6 At the moment, my best friend _____.