RULE SHEET

Simple present or present progressive?



Two tenses

	Simple present	Present progressive
Use	habits, routines, facts	actions now, at the moment
Positive	I **play** · he **plays**	I **am playing** · he **is playing**
Negative	I **don't** play · he **doesn't** play	I**'m not** playing · he **isn't** playing
Question	**Do** you play? · **Does** he play?	**Are** you playing? · **Is** he playing?
Signal words	always, usually, often, never, every day	now, at the moment, Look!, Listen!, Shh!

Examples

- Mia **usually walks** to school, but **today** she **is riding** her bike.
- **Look!** Dad **is cooking**. He **cooks** every Sunday.

> **Watch out!** he/she/it: watch → watch**es** · go → go**es** · fly → fl**ies** · have → **has**. · Verbs like **like, love, hate, want, know, need, understand**: simple present only. I **like** pizza. (not: I am liking pizza.) · -ing spelling: sit → si**tt**ing · get → ge**tt**ing · come → com**ing** · have → hav**ing**.

PRACTICE 1

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Every day or now?

1 Look at the signal words. Tick the correct verb form.

1. Ella _____ every day. ○ swims ○ is swimming
2. Look! Max _____ a cake. ○ bakes ○ is baking
3. We usually _____ at seven. ○ are getting up ○ get up
4. Listen! The birds _____. ○ are singing ○ sing
5. My dad _____ coffee every morning. ○ is making ○ makes
6. At the moment, I _____ a book. ○ am reading ○ read
7. Hana never _____ TV. ○ watches ○ is watching
8. Right now, we _____ English. ○ learn ○ are learning

2 Write the -ing form.

Example: read → *reading*

1. chat → _____
2. draw → _____
3. smile → _____
4. stop → _____
5. play → _____
6. hope → _____
7. shop → _____
8. clean → _____