# PRESENT SIMPLE VS PRESENT CONTINUOUS

What's the difference?

### **Present Simple**

# Is used to describe regular actions, habits, etc.

e.g. He likes coffee in the morning.

## Markers used with Present Simple

- Every day/week/month/ year
- At night
- In the morning, afternoon, evening
- Always, sometimes, never, seldom, rarely, often, usually

### **Present Continuous**

Is used to describe temporary actions or actions happening at the moment of speaking

• e.g. Peter is watching TV at the moment.

# Markers for Present Continuouis

#### Now

- At the moment
- These days
- At present
- Always
- Tonight
- Still

# **Stative verbs**

#### Stative verbs are never used in Present Continuous

Feelings	Thoughts	Senses	Possessions	Measure, cost
Like Dislike Love Hate Prefer Want Need Mind	Know Think Understand Believe Guess Mean Support Realize Remember Agree	Feel Hear See Smell Sound Taste Touch Look	Belong Own Have	Cost Measure Weigh Seem Appear Consist