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Siddharth is reading a book. He is **not playing** cricket.

But Siddharth plays cricket. He plays every weekend for his club.

Siddharth **plays** cricket, but he **is not playing** cricket now.

Is he playing cricket? **No, he isn't.** (*present continuous*)

Does he play cricket? **Yes, he does.** (*present simple*)

B Present continuous (I am doing) – now, at the time of speaking:

past ————— **NOW (I'm doing)** ————— future

- Please be quiet. **I'm studying.** (*not 'I study'*)
- Rohan **is cooking** dinner right now. (*not 'Rohan cooks'*)
- Take an umbrella with you. **It's raining.**
- You can switch off the music. **I'm not listening** to it.
- Why are you wearing a jacket inside? **Are you feeling** cold?

C Present simple (I do) – in general, all the time or repeatedly:

past <————— **NOW (I do)** —————> future

- **I work** at a technology firm from 9 to 5 every weekday.
- Rohan **cooks** dinner for his family every Sunday.
- **It rains** heavily during the monsoon season.
- **I don't listen** to classical music very often.
- What **do you usually do** on holiday?

D We do not normally use these verbs in the present continuous (**I am -ing**):

like	love	want	know	understand	remember	depend
prefer	hate	need	mean	believe	forget	

Use the **present simple only** with these verbs (*I want / do you like?* etc.):

- I'm exhausted. **I want** to take a rest. (*not 'I'm wanting'*)
- '**Do you know** that person?' 'Yes, but **I don't remember** his name.'
- **I don't understand** this sentence. What **does it mean**?