

What's the difference?  
Present Simple and Present Continuous

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<p>Things which are always true:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water <b>boils</b> at 100 degrees.</li> </ul>	<p>Things which are happening at the moment of speaking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The water <b>is boiling</b> now, so you can put in the pasta.</li> </ul>
<p>Permanent situations (or nearly permanent; true for a few years at least):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Julie <b>lives</b> in London.</li> </ul>	<p>Temporary situations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Julie <b>is living</b> in Paris for a few months (usually she lives in London).</li> </ul> <p>Situations which are slowly changing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>I'm getting</b> better and better at speaking English.</li> </ul>
<p>Habits or things we do regularly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I <b>drink</b> coffee every morning.</li> </ul>	<p>Temporary or new habits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>I'm drinking</b> too much coffee these days because I'm so busy at work.</li> </ul> <p>Annoying habits (usually with 'always'):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>My flatmate <b>is always leaving</b> the kitchen in a mess!</li> </ul>
<p>Future events which are part of a timetable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>My plane <b>leaves</b> at eight tonight.</li> </ul> <p>To talk about the future after certain words ('when' 'until' 'after' 'before' 'as soon as'):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I'll call you <b>when I get</b> home.</li> </ul>	<p>Definite future plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>I'm meeting</b> John after class today.</li> </ul>
<p>To talk about what happens in books, plays and films:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the end of the book, the detective <b>catches</b> the killer.</li> </ul>	<p>To talk about people in pictures and photos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In this photo, my mother <b>is walking</b> beside a lake.</li> </ul>

**Remember:**

We use the present simple with stative verbs. We can't use any continuous tense (including the present continuous tense, of course) with stative verbs.