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PRESENT TENSES

The basis of the English language is in understanding its verbs and how we can form sentences.

We can form to be with the full form I am or the contraction I'm

SUBJECT	TO BE	CONTRACTION
I	AM	I'M
YOU	ARE	YOU'RE
HE/SHE/IT	IS	HE'S
WE	ARE	YOU'RE
YOU (ALL)	ARE	YOU'RE
THEY	ARE	YOU'RE

Present simple: Subject + verb

1. We use the present simple to talk about habitual actions
I always brush my teeth at 7am
2. We use the present simple to talk about routines
I start work at 8am every day
3. We use the present simple to talk about permanent situations
I work in a language school in Spain
4. We use the present simple to talk about truths
Water boils at 100°C

Adverbs of frequency:

Adverbs of frequency are used to talk about the frequency with which we do certain actions. They are essential for talking about daily routines and the present day.

*Be careful with word order. Between the subject and verb

BE: I am always tired when I finish work. He isn't usually late for school.	VERBS: You never get up at 5:00 am. We almost never make dinner for our parents.
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Present continuous: Subject + be + gerund

1. We use the present continuous to talk about actions in progress now
I am writing a new article for the Guardian right now
2. We use the present continuous to talk about temporary situations
I am currently doing a German course at upverb
3. We use the present continuous to talk about annoying situations
You are always arriving late to work
4. We use the situations to talk about amusing situations
You are always telling the funniest stories

We do not usually use the present continuous for stative verbs:

AGREE	APPEAR	BELIEVE	BELONG	CONCERN
CONSIST	CONTAIN	DEPEND	DESERVE	DISAGREE
DISLIKE	DOUBT	FEEL	FIT	HATE
HEAR	IMAGINE	IMPRESS	INCLUDE	INVOLVE
KNOW	LIKE	MATTER	MEAN	MIND
NEED	PREFER	SEEM	UNDERSTAND	WANT