

UNIT 1: SCHOOL

Present Simple vs. Present Continuous

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WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?



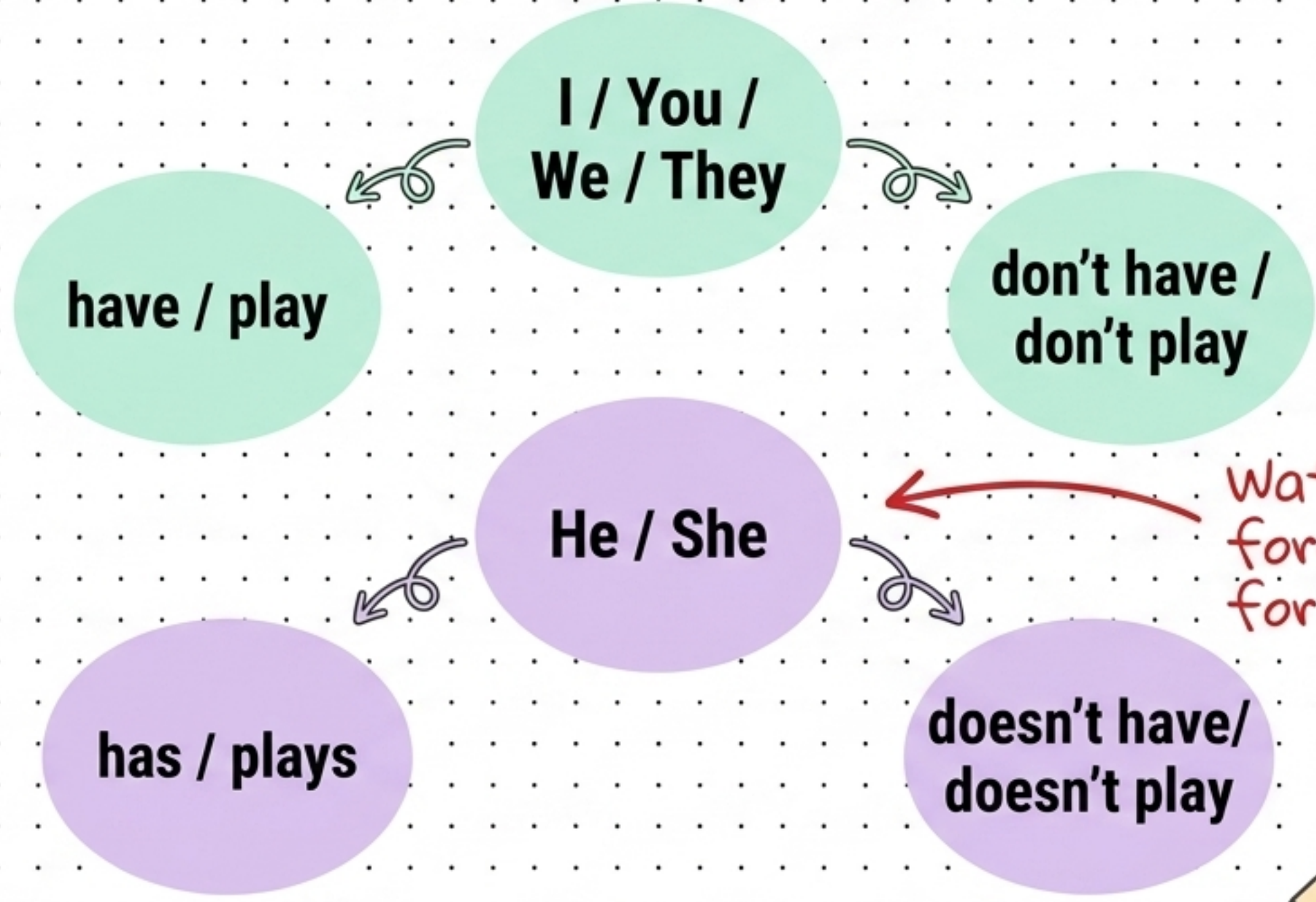
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PRESENT SIMPLE



For our daily school routines
and after-school clubs!

How to build it



Watch out! Don't forget the "s" for He & She!

The Secret Tricks 🤫

Look for these time words!

Every day

At nine
o'clock

Every day

Twice
a week

On
Thursdays

Every
morning

If you see these,
it's a routine!

Routines in Action



We have English at half past ten.



She plays basketball twice a week.



I don't have drama club on Thursdays.

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PRESENT CONTINUOUS



*For what is happening exactly
at this moment!*

The '-ING' Formula

Subject
(I / You / He / She)



Verb 'To Be'
(am / is / are)



Action + ing
(watching / having)

I am watching the experiment.

The Right Now Tricks




The ultimate clues for the Present Continuous.




Spelling Secrets

Remember these tiny tricks before adding **-ing**!

make → ~~make~~ → making

 Drop the 'e'!

swim → **swim** → swimming

 Double the letter!

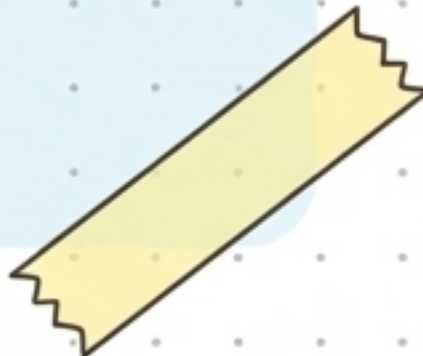
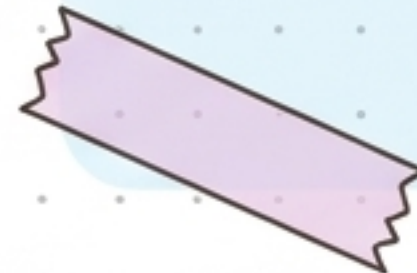
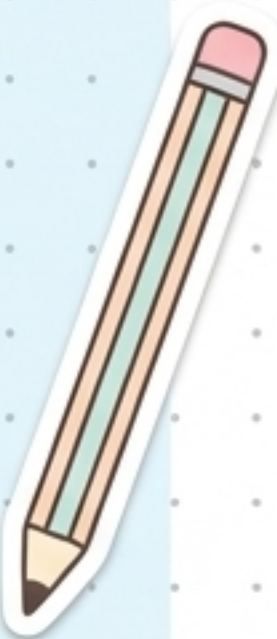
The Ultimate Showdown

Simple (Routines)

- I watch TV every day.
- You don't listen in class!
- We usually have maths in the morning.

Continuous (Right Now)

- I'm watching the experiment now.
- You aren't listening to me!
- We're having a science fair today.



Which tense do I use?

Step 1: Look for the time word trick!

Is it "every day" or a time?

-> Use **Present Simple!**
(Example: I play)

Is it "now" or "today"?
-> Use **Present Continuous!**
(Example: I am playing)

Time to Practice!



He sometimes (**make** / **makes** / **is making**) videos.

Look! She (**swim** / **swims** / **is swimming**) right now.

YOUR GRAMMAR CHEAT SHEET

Present Simple

Subject + Verb(s)

- *every day*
- *twice a week*
- *at nine o'clock*
- *on Thursdays*
- *every morning*

Present Continuous

Subject + To Be + Verb-ing

- *now*
- *at the moment*
- *today*
- *right now*

Easy peasy...



...lemon squeezy!

Good luck with Unit 1!