PRESENT SIMPLE / PRESENT CONTINUOUS Review

Present simple: 'think'

	I / you / we / they	he / she / it
Common expressions	always, usually, often, sometimes, never, rarely, occasionally, every, on Mondays	
Affirmative	think	thinks
Negative	don't think	doesn't think
Interrogative	Do think ?	Does think ?

Adding '-s' to the third person

1. If the verb ends in **SS**, **X**, **CH**, **SH** or the letter **O**, we add + **ES** in the third person.

Kiss- Kisses Fix- Fixes Watch- Watches Crash- Crashes Go- Goes

- A mechanic **fixes** cars.
- She watches soap operas every afternoon.
- He kisses his wife before he goes to work.

Adding '-s' to the third person

2. If the verb ends in a **Consonant + Y**, we remove the Y and + **IES** in the third person.

Carry - Carr**ies** Hurry - Hurr**ies** Study - Stud**ies** Deny - Den**ies**

- Isabel **studies** every night.
- The baby **cries** all the time.
- He **denies** all responsibility.

Present continuous: 'think'

	I / you / we / they	he / she / it
Common expressions	now, at the moment, at present, this year, Look!, Listen!, today, tonight	
Affirmative	am / are think ing	is think ing
Negative	am not / aren't think ing	isn't thinking
Interrogative	Am / Are think ing ?	Is think ing ?

1) If the verb ends in an E we remove the E and add ING.

to live - living to have - having to make - making to take - taking

- People **are living** longer now than they were 100 years ago.
- We **are making** a chocolate cake.
- He was taking his time to get ready.

2). If the verb ends in a consonant + vowel + consonant, we double the final consonant and add ING.

to stop - stopping to sit - sitting to plan - planning to get - getting to swim - swimming

- The policeman is stopping the traffic.
- We are planning a surprise party for our teacher.
- I think I am getting a cold.

3). If a two-syllable verb ends in a consonant + vowel + consonant, we **do not** double the final consonant when the stress is on the first syllable.

to <u>happen</u> - happening to <u>enter</u> - entering to <u>offer</u> - offering to <u>suffer</u> - suffering

- What is happening?
- They are offering a discount.
- Many people are suffering from a lack of food and water.

4). But, we do not double the final consonant when the verb ends in W, X or Y or when the final syllable is not emphasized.

to fix - fixing to enjoy - enjoying to snow - snowing

- He fixing his bike.
- We are enjoying this great weather.
- It's snowing outside.

5). If the verb ends in IE we change it to YING.

to lie - lying to die - dying to tie - tying

- I know you are lying to me!
- You should water your plant more because I think it is dying.
- The little boy is tying his shoelaces.

6). If the verb ends in consonant + vowel + L, we normally double the final L and add ING. Note: In the United States (US) they do not double the L when the accent is on the first syllable

Infinitive ING form (UK)

to travel- travelling to marvel - marvelling - **ING form (US)** traveling marveling

- I have been travelling around South America for 6 months.
- He was marvelling at her beauty.

7). If the verb ends in a stressed vowel + R, we double the final R and add ING.

re<u>fer</u> - <u>referring</u> de<u>fer</u> - <u>deferring</u>

- Are you referring to this one or that one?
- They are thinking of deferring payment of their mortgage.

8). If the verb ends in an **un**stressed vowel + R, we do **not** double the final R and add ING.

to <u>offer</u> - offering to <u>suffer</u> - suffering to <u>whisper</u> - <u>whispering</u>

- I am offering you a special deal.
- He is now suffering the consequences of his actions.
- I wonder what he is whispering in her ear.

