

Present Simple/ Continuous 100 Places to See Before You Die
New Cutting Edge Intermediate Modules 1 and 3
Worksheet 1- Grammar presentation

Warmer

Make true sentences with the Present Continuous about your partner now, then try to make a true Present Simple sentence about the same thing, e.g. "You are wearing a tie" "You hardly ever wear a tie" or "You are feeling tired" "You almost always feel tired at this time"

Tourist sites

If you were a tour guide, what Present Simple and Present Continuous sentences might you say to your tour group as you stood in front of the following monuments?

1. The Great Wall of China
2. Big Ben – the clock tower of the British Houses of Parliament in London and its famous bell
3. The Taj Mahal- the monument that looks like a mosque or palace in India
4. The Eiffel Tower- the famous communications tower in Paris
5. The Blue Mosque- the most famous mosque in Istanbul, near Aya Sofia and with a similar huge dome
6. The World Cup Stadium in Seoul- where some 2002 World Cup matches were played

*Match the sentences above to the places below. There is **one Present Simple** and **one Present Continuous** sentence in each case, **but some of the places don't match any.***

- a) "It is used for sports events once or twice a week"
- b) "Hundreds or thousands of people are shopping, eating and watching movies in there now"
- c) "The call to prayer comes from the four towers called minarets 5 times a day"
- d) "Hundreds of people are climbing the stairs, and maybe a hundred more are taking the lifts"
- e) "The top viewing platform moves more than 1 metre when there is a strong wind"
- f) "We can't go in now, because people are praying"
- g) "The clock rings four times an hour"
- h) "It is striking twelve"

What do you think the most interesting things that the tour guides above say?

Which places are not described above? What would you say if you were a tour guide showing the places that aren't used above? (Try to use both the Present Simple and Present Continuous if you can)

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Worksheet 2- Speaking

Create similar pairs of sentences about one of the places below until your partner guesses which one you are talking about.

The Acropolis, Athens
Stonehenge, UK
The Strip in Las Vegas
Pamukkule, Turkey
Grand Canal, Venice
The Grand Canyon, USA
The Louvre, Paris
Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco
Ayre's Rock, Australia
Mont San Michel, France
The Forbidden Palace, Beijing
Victoria Falls, Africa
Great Barrier Reef, Australia
Potala fortress, Lhasa, Tibet
Cappadocia, Turkey
The Alhambra palace, Spain
The Statue of Liberty, New York
The Sphinx, Egypt
Pompeii, Italy
Pagan, Burma
Lake Geneva, Switzerland
Cancun beach, Mexico
The Dead Sea, Israel

The Colosseum, Rome
The Tower of London
Petra, Jordan
Aya Sofia, Istanbul
Koh Samui, Thailand
The British Museum, London
The Smithsonian, Washington
Sydney Opera House
Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris
The Wailing Wall, Jerusalem
Pyramids of Giza, Egypt
Easter Island Heads
Machu Picchu, Peru
Giant's Causeway, Northern Ireland
The Amalfi Coast, Italy
Ankor Wat, Cambodia
Petronas Twin Towers, Kuala Lumpur
The Leaning Tower of Pisa, Italy
Uffizi Gallery, Florence, Italy
Bruges, Belgium
Naples Bay, Italy
Versailles Palace, France

Work together to try to say things about the places you haven't mentioned yet.

*Which places that you haven't been to would be your top 5 places to see before you die?
What would your top choice be for these categories?*

Natural wonder
Ancient wonder
Romantic city
Modern city
Beach

Read about the top viewer choices for these five categories in your books and see if you change your mind by reading about any of them.

Are there any other places you'd like to choose that have been left out of the list above, e.g. ones in your country?