Present Simple Vs Present Continuous

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Things which are always true: • Water **boils** at 100 degrees.	***Things which are happening at the moment of speaking:*** • The water **is boiling** now, so you can put in the pasta.
Permanent situations (or nearly permanent; true for a few years at least): • Julie **lives** in London.	***Temporary situations:*** • Julie **is living** in Paris for a few months (usually she lives in London). ***Situations which are slowly changing***: • I**'m getting** better and better at speaking English.
Habits or things we do regularly: • I **drink** coffee every morning.	***Temporary or new habits:*** • I**'m drinking** too much coffee these days because I'm so busy at work. ***Annoying habits (usually with 'always'):*** • My flatmate **is always leaving** the kitchen in a mess!
Future events which are part of a timetable: • My plane **leaves** at eight tonight. ***To talk about the future after certain words ('when' 'until' 'after' 'before' 'as soon as'):*** • I'll call you **when I get** home.	***Definite future plans:*** • I**'m meeting** John after class today.
To ***talk about what happens in books, plays and films:*** • At the end of the book, the detective **catches** the killer.	***To talk about people in pictures and photos:*** • In this photo, my mother **is walking** beside a lake