

Simple Present



FORM

s/es in third person + [VERB]

- Examples:
- You **speak** English.
- **Do you speak** English?
- You **do not speak** English.



USE 1 Repeated Actions

- Use the Simple Present to express the idea that an action is repeated or usual. The action can be a habit, a hobby, a daily event, a scheduled event or something that often happens. It can also be something a person often forgets or usually does not do.



Examples:

- I **play** tennis .
- She **does not play** tennis .
- **Does** he **play** tennis ?
- The train **leaves** every morning at 8 AM .
- The train **does not leave** at 9 AM .
- When **does** the train usually **leave** ?
- She always **forgets** her purse .
- He never **forgets** his wallet .
- Every twelve months, the Earth **circles** the Sun .
- **Does** the Sun **circle** the Earth ?



USE 2 Facts or Generalizations

- The Simple Present can also indicate the speaker believes that a fact was true before, is true now, and will be true in the future. It is not important if the speaker is correct about the fact. It is also used to make generalizations about people or things.



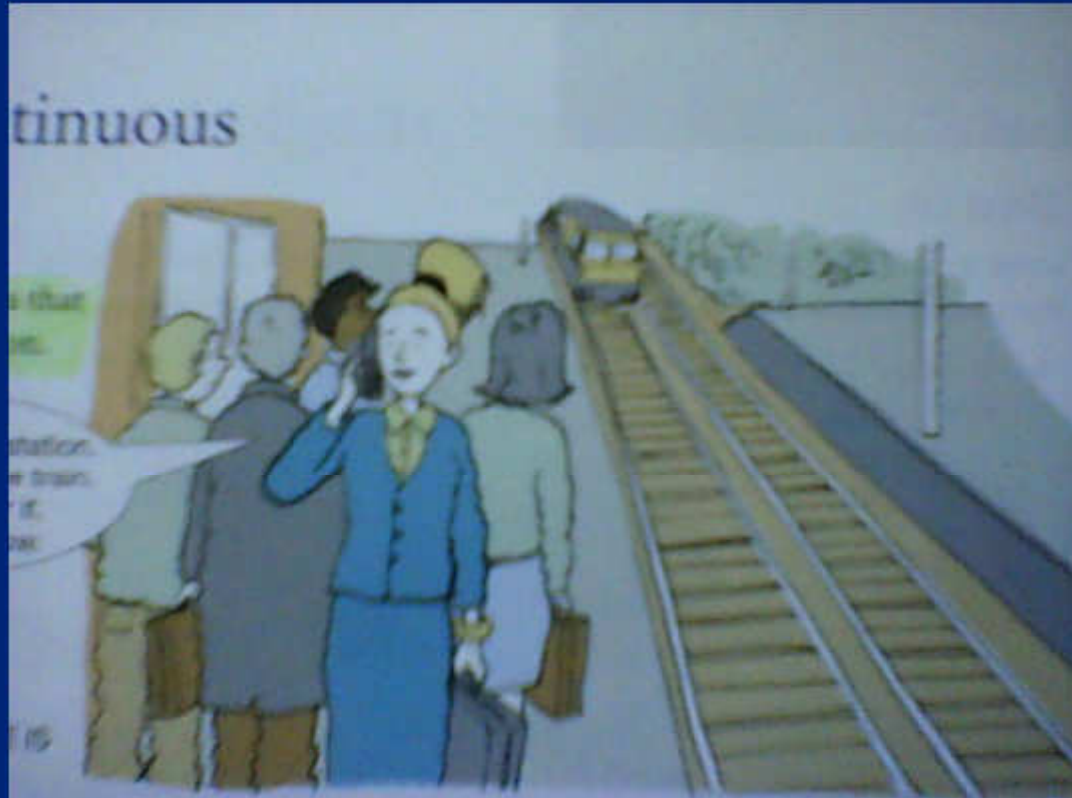
Examples

- Cats **like** milk.
- Birds **do not like** milk.
- **Do** pigs **like** milk?
- California **is** in America.
- California **is not** in the United Kingdom.
- Windows **are** made of glass.
- Windows **are not** made of wood.
- New York **is** a small city.





Present Continuous



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Present Continuous

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We use the present continuous
for things happening now

the present continuous means that
we are in the middle of an action .

FORM: Present Continuous

Positive:

I **am waiting**.

You/we/they **are waiting**.

He/ she/ it **is waiting**.

FORM: Present Continuous

Negative:

I'm **not** waiting.

You/we/they **aren't** waiting.

He/ she/ it **isn't** waiting.

FORM: Present Continuous

Question:

Am I waiting?

Are you/we/they waiting?

Is he/ she/ it waiting?

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Steve : What **are** you **doing** these days.

Tom: I'**m** **learning** Spanish.

Present Continuous

Sally: Can you come with us to Ann's party.

Jane: I'm sorry I'm quite busy these days. I'm doing a course at college.

Present Continuous

We can also use the present continuous When we are in the middle of something but not actually doing it at the moment of speaking.

- The number of cars in the road **is increasing**.
- The situation is already bad and it **is getting** worse.

We use the **present continuous** when things are changing over a **long time**. (get/ change/rise/ fall/ become/ increase/ grow /improve /begin /start)

Practice



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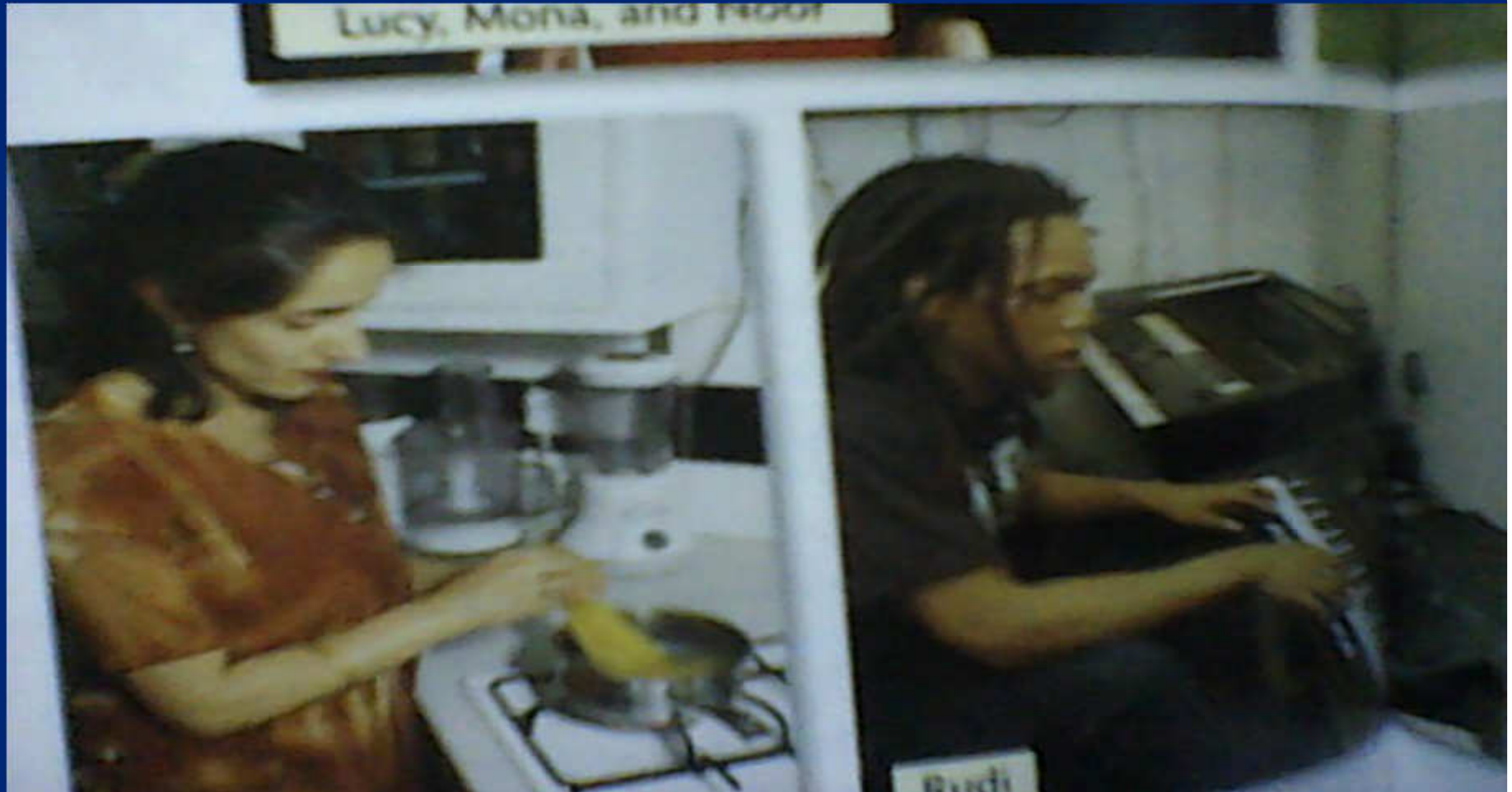
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The- ing form

Ask → asking

Go → going

Hope → hoping

Take → taking

See → seeing

Agree → agreeing

Die → dying

Lie → lying

Hurry → hurrying

The- ing form

Run → **running**

Swim → **swimming**

Buy → buying

Draw → drawing

Fax → faxing

The- ing form

listen → listening

visit → visiting

Prefer → preferring

The Present Simple

- Ann takes a shower every day.
- We sometimes go to the sea.
- I always get up early.

Repeated actions

- ✓ She comes from Yemen.
- ✓ Birds fly.
- ❖ I live in Aden .

Facts / things that are true for a long time

The Present Simple

- To talk about thoughts and feelings.
- I **think** so , I **like** it.
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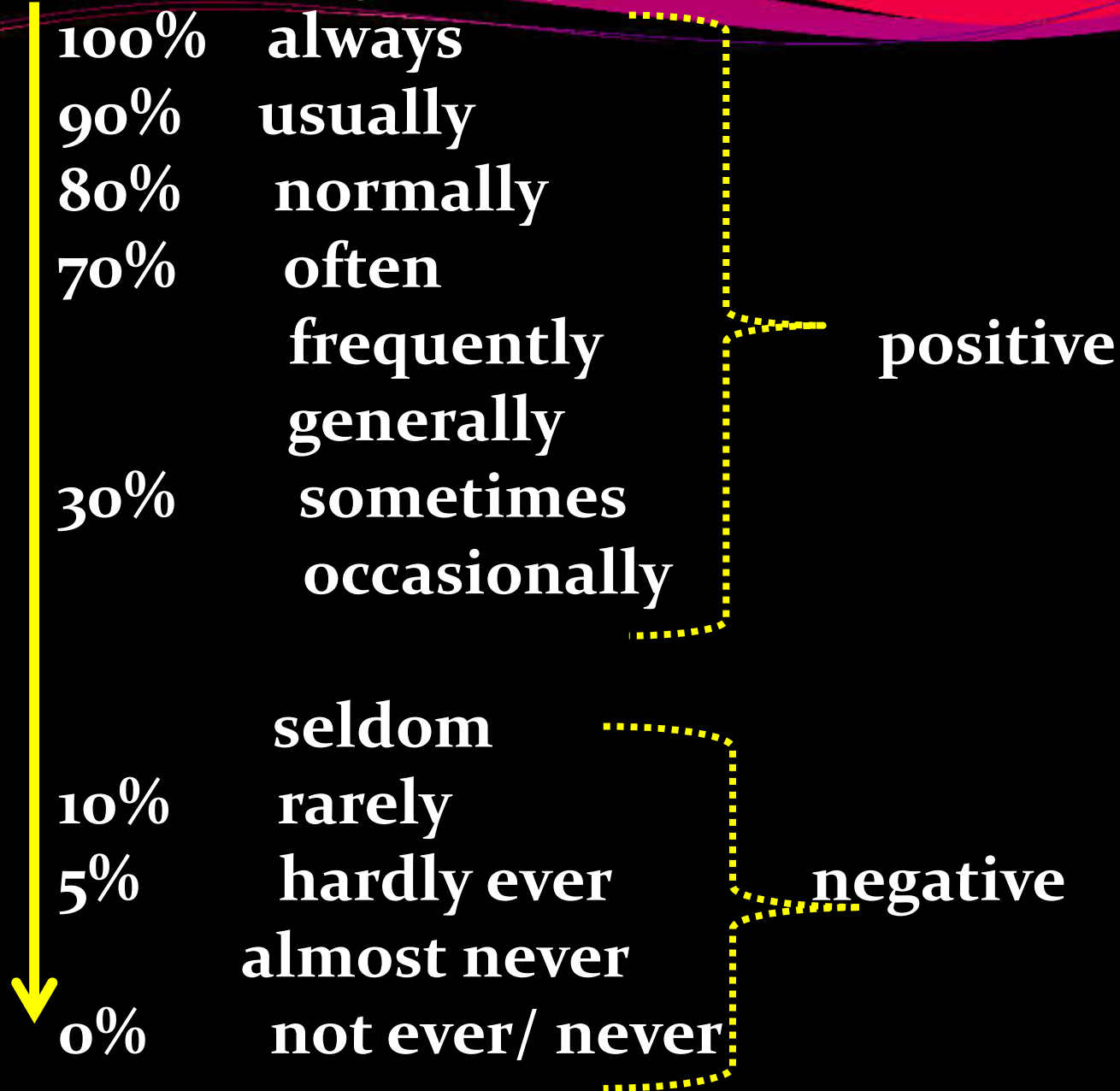
Study studies


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Consonant + y

Frequency Adverbs





**PRESENT CONTINUOUS
OR
PRESENT SIMPLE**

CONTINUOUS

We use the present progressive for things happening now or around the time of speaking .

- **It's raining at the moment.**

- **the water is boiling .Can you turn it off?**

- **Listen to those people .What language are they speaking?**

SIMPLE

We use the present simple for things in general or for repeated action .

- **It always rains in January.**

- **Water boils at 100 degree Celsius.**

- **Excuse me ,do you speak English?**

CONTINUOUS

We use the continuous for temporary situation (a short period)

- *I'm living with some friends until I find a place of my own.*

- *I'm working at a sport shop for six weeks.*

SIMPLE

We use the present simple for permanent situation.

- *I live with my parents in a very nice flat.*

- *I work at a sport shop. It's a permanent job.*

CONTINUOUS

I'm always doing.

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(something) = I do it very often perhaps (too often) or more often than usual.

Tom *is always inviting* friends here.

(= He invites them very often)

SIMPLE

I always do

I *always do*

(something) = I do it every time.

▪ Tom *always invites* us to stay at Christmas.

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CONTINUOUS

I'm always doing.

I'm always making silly mistakes.

(= I make silly mistakes too often)

SIMPLE

I always do

I *always make* silly mistakes in exams.

(= I make mistakes in every exam)

Practice

Put the verb in to the correct form, present continuous or present simple.

- 1. Let's go out(it/not / rain) look!**
- 2. Julia is very good at languages.
(she/ speak) four languages very well.**
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- 4.(it/ snow) outside.(it/
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5. A: How's your English?

B: Not bad I think(it/improve) slowly.

6. The river(flow) very fast – much faster than usual.

7. Can we stop walking soon?.....(I/ start) to feel tired.

STATE VERBS AND ACTION VERBS

States

A state means some thing staying the same.

- ✓ The house is clean.
- ✓ The box contains some toys.

Actions

an action means some thing happening.

- ✓ I'm washing my hair.
- He put the toys in the box.

Be / like / want / need / prefer /
Know / realize / suppose / mean /
/ understand / believe / remember.
Belong / fit / contain / consist / seem

STATE VERBS AND ACTION VERBS

State verbs cannot
usually be continuous.

Action verbs can be
simple or continuous.

Sometimes a verb can be used for a
state or for an action

I think /	I'm thinking
I have/	I'm having
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STATE VERBS AND ACTION VERBS

I think you are right .
(=believe or an opinion)

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what happened.

I have three children.
(=own)

I'm having lunch.
(= eating)

I see your problem.
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boss.(=meeting)

STATE VERBS AND ACTION VERBS

We can use some state verbs in the continuous to talk about a short period of time .

Permanent state

I love / enjoy parties.

I like school .

Short period

I'm loving / enjoying this party.

I'm liking school much better now .

STATE VERBS AND ACTION VERBS

look feel

We can use the present simple or continuous *to say how some body looks or feel now* with no difference in meaning.

You look well today OR you're looking well today.

How do you feel now OR how are you feeling now.

I usually **feel** tired in the morning

He's selfish / He's being selfish

Temporary behaviour

➤ I can't understand why **he is being so selfish**.

He isn't usually like that.

(**being selfish** = behaving selfishly at the moment)

Permanent quality

➤ He never thinks about other people. **He is very selfish** .

(= He is selfish in general, not only at the moment)

Practice

present continuous OR present simple.

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2. Don't put the dictionary away.(I/ use) it.

3. Who is that man? Why(he/look)at us?

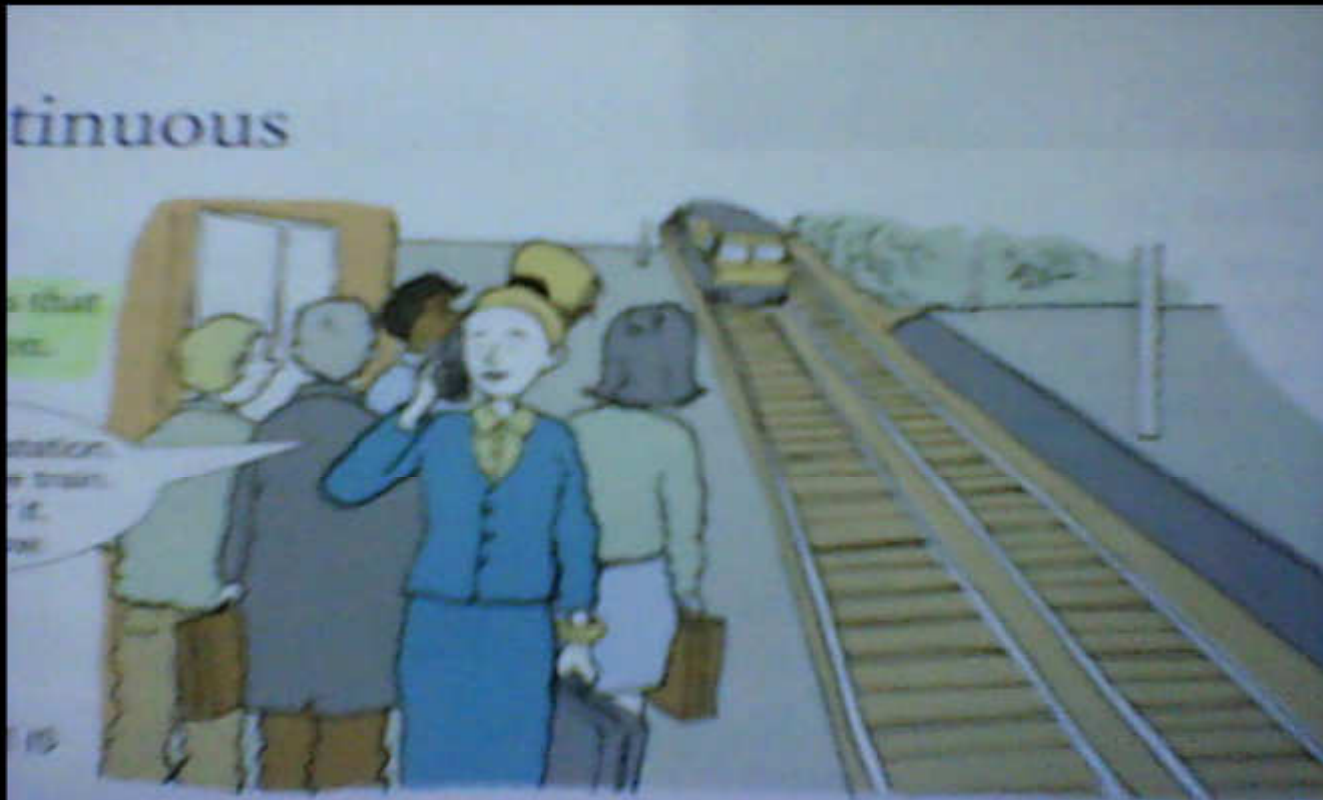
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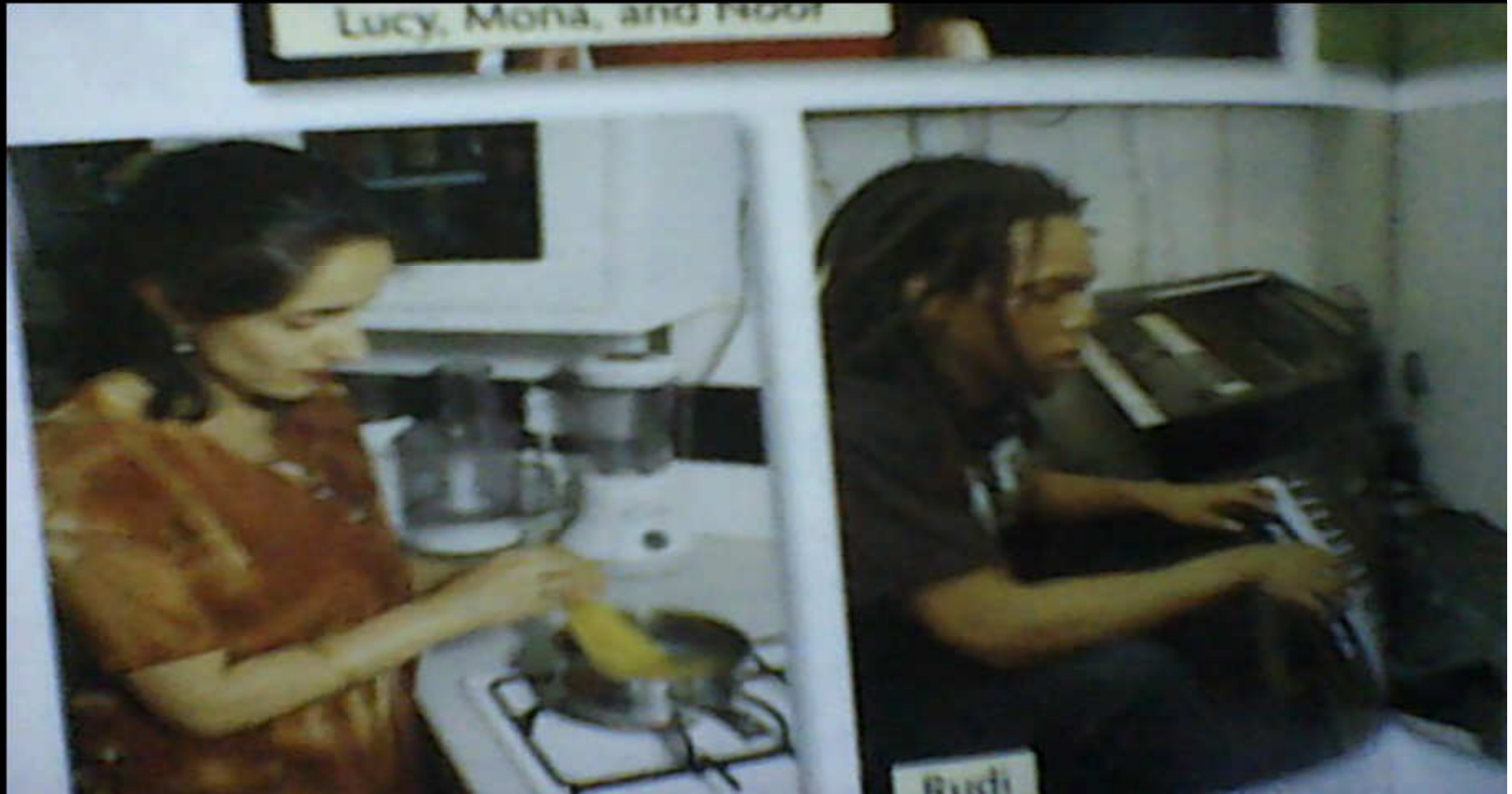
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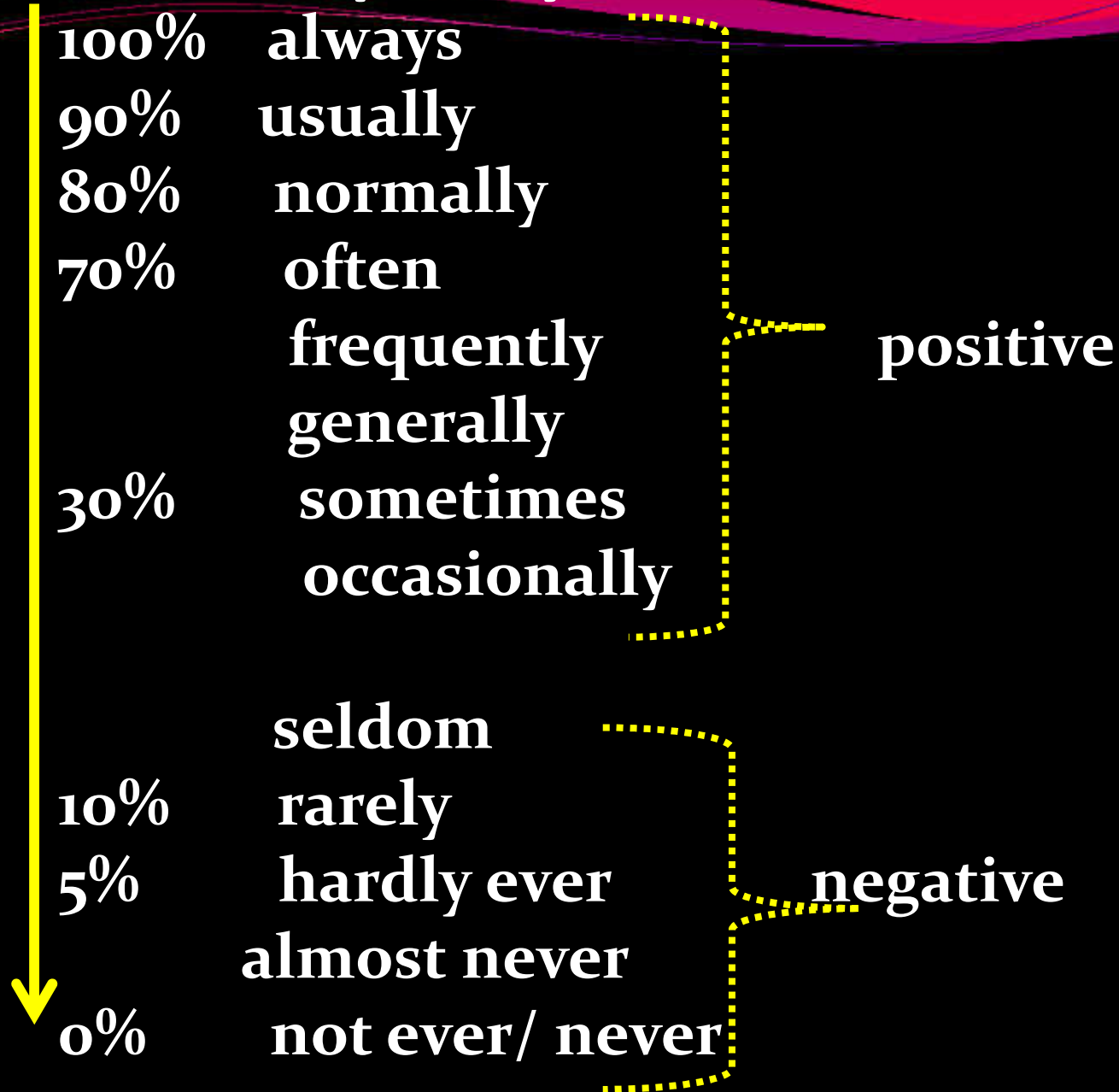
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