

Present Simple, Present Continuous, Present Perfect Simple, Present Perfect Continuous – Uses

Read the sentences. Match each sentence to the use it shows. Write the correct letter next to each sentence.

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| She has just tidied her room. | a) action that happened at an unstated time in the past |
| Helen is studying at the moment. | b) general truths or laws of nature |
| She works as a nurse. | c) Changing or developing situations |
| He is dirty. He has been playing in the mud. | d) life experience |
| They have been friends for twenty years. | e) fixed arrangements in the near future |
| He has lost his keys. | f) to express anger, annoyance, irritation or criticism |
| I have never seen a lion. | g) recently completed action |
| Sue is getting married at 3 this afternoon. | h) action happening at the moment of speaking |
| Who has been using my toothbrush? | i) sport commentary |
| Money doesn't buy happiness. | j) Permanent state |
| The plane to London takes off at 6:50 am. | k) action that started in the past and continues up to the present |
| More people are recycling trash nowadays. | l) timetable |
| Tim kicks the ball and scores a goal. | m) action that started in the past and lasted for some time. It may still be continuing or have finished but it has left a visible result in the present. |