

PRESENT SIMPLE

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-Habits, routines:

I go to school every day.

-Preferences: She likes milk.

-Always true facts:

The sun rises in the east.

TIME EXPRESSIONS:

-Adverbs of frequency: always/
Usually/often/hardly ever/never

On: On Mondays, on Sundays..

Every: Every (day, Sunday,
week, summer, year...)

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

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Use it for:

-What you are doing now:

I'm eating an apple.

-Temporary activities.

Mary is learning to drive.

TIME EXPRESSIONS:

-Now/right now

-At present/at the moment

-Imperatives. Look! Listen!

-This: I'm learning French **this**
year

-These: I'm staying with my
sister **these** days.

PAST SIMPLE

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Finished actions in the past.

-I went to Paris last summer.

-She visited Tom yesterday.

-She didn't visit Ann yesterday

TIME EXPRESSIONS:

-Yesterday

-Ago: ten minutes ago, four
weeks ago, ten year ago, etc.

-Last: last Friday, last week,
last month, last year, etc.

EXERCISE 1 Fill the gaps using: present simple/present continuous/past simple. Match the pictures.



- 1-She _____ (not be) at the cinema yesterday.
- 3-Look! It _____ (snow)
- 5-Mary _____ (go) to the park yesterday.
- 7-Tim _____ (not read) a book last month.
- 9-Listen! Somebody _____ (sing)
- 11-Mum _____ (make) a cake every Sunday.
- 13-I _____ (not smile). I'm crying.
- 15-That woman never _____ (watch) TV.
- 17-We _____ (not take) the bus yesterday.
- 2-I _____ (play) tennis now.
- 4-It often _____ (rain) in Scotland.
- 6-Carol _____ (not like) coffee.
- 8-I _____ (eat) a sandwich last night.
- 10-We _____ (drink) tea. Try some!
- 12-Tina _____ (not like) peas.
- 14-He _____ (phone) me two days ago.
- 16-They _____ (dancing) now.
- 18-Rob _____ (miss) the train last night.



EXERCISE 2 Fill the gaps with the verbs in brackets. Put them in the correct tense.

I don't usually _____ (go) to the cinema but yesterday I _____ (go) to see a film. It _____ (be) fantastic. I _____ (cry) a little because the film _____ (be) very romantic. Melissa _____ (be) with me. She never _____ (cry) at the cinema so she _____ (not cry) yesterday but she also _____ (enjoy) the film very much. Now I _____ (write) to my friend Peter to tell him about it. Peter usually _____ (live) here in London, like me but this week he _____ (live) in Bristol with her aunt because his parents _____ (be) in Italy. They _____ (go) there last week on business. Peter is one of my best friends. He _____ (be) fourteen years old and we go to the same school. Last summer Melissa, Peter and I _____ (go) to Amsterdam on holiday for a week. We really _____ (have) a nice time there. We _____ (visit) lots of interesting places. We _____ (not stay) in a hotel. We _____ (stay) at my uncle's house. His name is George. He _____ (be) an engineer. He is always very busy but that week he _____ (be) on holidays and he _____ (take) good care of us. He _____ (show) us the city and we _____ (like) it very much. I must study now. I _____ (learn) French this year as I would like to _____ (visit) Paris next summer.