

BACK TO THE TENSES



**PAST, PRESENT,
FUTURE**

PRESENT SIMPLE

WE USE THE **SIMPLE PRESENT** TENSE WHEN AN ACTION IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW, OR WHEN IT HAPPENS REGULARLY.



MARTY _____ A TIME MACHINE. {DRIVE}

DOC _____ MANY THINGS. {INVENT}

THE TIME MACHINE _____ A CAR. {BE}

MARTY _____ AT HIGH SCHOOL. {STUDY}

RULE:

HE / SHE / IT = VERB + **S**, VERB + **ES**, VERB + **IES**

I / YOU / WE / THEY = **NO S / ES / IES**

HAVE AND WAS

THE VERBS 'HAS' AND 'HAVE' ARE TWO DIFFERENT FORMS OF THE PRESENT TENSE OF THE VERB 'TO HAVE.'



MARTY _____ A RED JACKET. \HAVE\

DOC _____ MANY CLOCKS. \HAVE\

MARTY AND DOC _____ A TIME MACHINE. \HAVE\

_____ AN ENGLISH TEST SOON! \HAVE\

RULE:

HE / SHE / IT = WAS

I / YOU / WE / THEY = HAVE

GET AND GETS

THESE TWO TERMS COME FROM THE VERB TO GET. GET AND GETS ARE USED IN THE SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE.



MARTY _____ TO SCHOOL LATE EVERYDAY. \GET\

DOC _____ VERY EXCITED ABOUT TIME TRAVEL.. \GET\

MARTY AND DOC _____ STUCK IN THE PAST. \GET\

_____ A GOOD SCORE ON MY TEST. \GET\

RULE:

WE / SHE / IT = GETS

I / YOU / WE / THEY = GET

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

WE USE THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS
TO TALK ABOUT THINGS WHICH HAVE
BEGUN BUT HAVEN'T FINISHED. THEY
ARE OFTEN HAPPENING NOW, AT
THIS MOMENT



MARTY _____ THE CAR AT 88MPH. [DRIVE]

DOC _____ THE CLOCK TOWER. [CLIMB]

MARTY AND DOC _____ BACK TO 1955. [TRAVEL]

I _____ FOR MY ENGLISH TEST. [STUDY]

RULE:

AM / IS / ARE + VERB + ING

VERB TO BE



WE USE THE VERB TO BE TO TALK ABOUT PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS IN THE PRESENT.



I _____

HE _____



SHE _____



WE _____

THEY _____



IT _____

RULE:

BE = AM / IS / ARE