

Grammar Revision: Key Tenses & Exercises

Summary Table

Tense	Use	Example
Present Simple	Habits, facts, routines	She goes to school every day.
Present Continuous	Actions happening now	They are watching TV at the moment.
Present Perfect	Past actions with present result	I have never been to Japan.
Past Simple	Completed past actions	He visited Paris last year.
Past Continuous	Actions in progress at a specific past time	She was reading when I arrived.
Past Perfect	Action before another past action	He had already eaten before I came.
Will	Predictions, offers, promises	I will call you later.
Be Going To	Planned actions, evidence-based predictions	Look! It is going to rain.

1. Present Simple vs. Present Continuous

Present Simple: Habits, routines, facts, general truths

Present Continuous: Actions happening now or temporary situations

Examples:

- ✓ I work in an office.
- ✓ She goes to school every day.
- ✓ I am working on a project now.
- ✓ She is studying for her exam.

Exercises:

1. She (read) a book now. _____
2. We (play) football on Saturdays. _____
3. Look! They (run) very fast. _____
4. Tom (work) as a doctor. _____
5. Listen! The baby (cry). _____
6. Water (boil) at 100°C. _____
7. They (not/watch) TV right now. _____

2. Present Perfect Simple

Use: Unspecified past actions, experiences, results in the present

Examples:

- ✓ I have visited Paris.
- ✓ She has lost her keys.

Exercises:

8. I (see) that movie three times. _____
9. She (never/be) to Australia. _____
10. They (just/finish) their homework. _____
11. We (live) here since 2015. _____

3. Past Simple vs. Past Continuous

Past Simple: Completed actions in the past

Past Continuous: Actions in progress at a specific time in the past

Examples:

- ✓ I went to the park yesterday.
- ✓ She visited her grandma last week.
- ✓ I was watching TV at 8 p.m.
- ✓ They were playing football when it started to rain.

Exercises:

12. I (watch) TV when she (call) me. _____
13. He (sleep) when the phone (ring). _____
14. We (walk) to school when it (start) to rain. _____
15. She (not/play) tennis yesterday. _____

4. Past Perfect Simple

Use: An action that happened before another past action

Examples:

- ✓ When I arrived, they had already left.
- ✓ She had finished her homework before dinner.

Exercises:

16. By the time we arrived, the show (start). _____
17. She (already/finish) her assignment before the teacher asked for it. _____
18. When I woke up, my parents (leave) for work. _____

5. Will vs. Be Going To

Will: Predictions, instant decisions, promises, offers

Be Going To: Plans and intentions, evidence-based predictions

Examples:

- ✓ I will call you later.
- ✓ It will rain tomorrow.
- ✓ I am going to study medicine.
- ✓ Look at the clouds! It is going to rain.

Exercises:

19. She (buy) a new car. She has already chosen it. _____
20. I think I (help) you with your homework. _____
21. Look at those clouds! It (rain). _____
22. I promise I (call) you later. _____