

Present Simple

- REGULAR HABITS or routines.
- Permanent situations, scientific facts or general truths.
- Personal facts or preferences
- State verbs (non-progressive verbs)
- Timetables, headlines, jokes.

Signal Words:

always, never, usually, sometimes, often, hardly ever, seldom, rarely, on the whole; on Tuesdays, in the mornings, at night, on Saturday afternoon, in summer, at New Year's Eve; every... (day/Saturday/August/winter); once a... / twice a... / three times a... (day/month/year)

I/you/we/they

I eat tacos every Sunday night.
I don't eat tacos every Sunday night.
Do I eat tacos every Sunday?

He/She/It

He eats tacos every Sunday night.
He doesn't eat tacos every Sunday.
Does he eat tacos every Sunday?

Present Continuous

- Actions HAPPENING NOW or around now.
- Temporary actions.
- Actions in progress.
- Annoying habits or complaints (+ always)
- Fixed plans for the near future. (appointments, arrangements)

Signal Words:

at the moment, at present, now, right now, today, tonight, these days, this year, currently
Listen!, Watch out!, Look!, Excuse me
tomorrow, next month, at 5 o'clock, this afternoon, tomorrow morning.

I am eating tacos now.

I am not eating tacos now.

Am I eating tacos now?

I am

You/we/they are

He/she/it is

Present Perfect Simple

- It emphasizes RESULT. For completed actions at unspecific points in the past (=experience). (How long?)
- Completed actions that started in the past and continued in the present or that have a connection with the present.
- It expresses that the action is permanent. (Non-progressive Verbs)
- To express that a completed action led to a desired result.

Signal Words:

already, yet, still, just, so far, lately, recently, for, since, never, ever, all my life
How many times? once, twice, 3 times....

I /you / we/ they HAVE

I have **been** to Europe twice.

I have never **been** to Europe.

Have I ever **been** to Europe?

He/She/it HAS

She has **been** to Europe twice.

She has never **been** to Europe.

Has she ever **been** to Europe?

Present Perfect Continuous

- It emphasizes DURATION
- It emphasizes continuous course of an action. (How much time is spent?)
- It expresses that the action is temporary.
- To express the action had an unwanted side effect.

Signal Words:

How long? since / for, all (day, week, morning), the whole (day, week, night)

I /you / we/ they HAVE

I have been working on the project.

I haven't been working on the project.

Have I been working on the project?

He/She/it HAS

She has been working on the project.

She hasn't been working on the project.

Has she been working on the project?

Present	Past	Past part
Go	Went	gone
Am/is/are	Was/were	been
Think	Thought	Thought
Talk	Talked	talked