

Present Tense

Present Simple:

We use the present simple for:

- repeating actions or habits – My mother **sings** in the church choir.
- Facts which are true at all times – My dad **works** in an office.
- Conditions (not actions) which are happening at the moment – The little girl **loves** her grandmother.

Exercises:

1. The cuckoo its eggs in another bird's nest. (lay)
2. Jane has health issues and seldom sugar. (eat)
3. My son still that Santa Claus is real (think)



Present Continuous:

We use the present continuous for:

- actions which are happening now – My husband is **cycling** in the Pick 'n Pay/Argus Cycle Tour.
- Actions which are currently in progress – not necessarily at the moment but this week, this month, this year – The world is **fighting** the covid 19 virus.
- Planned future actions – I am **visiting** my parents tonight.

Exercises:

1. My daughter **is** to be a doctor. (study)
2. Many people **are** of covid. (die)
3. I **am** to the dentist next week. (go)



Present Perfect:

We use present perfect for:

- Actions which happened at an unspecified time in the past – I **have been** to London.
- Things which started in the past and are still going on – the action is not completed – I **have lived** in this house for over 30 years. (overlap with Present Perfect Continuous)

Exercises:

1. I am really upset because I **have** my mother's engagement ring. (lost)
2. I **have** as a teacher since 1979. (work)
(overlap with present perfect continuous)



Present Perfect Continuous:

We use present perfect continuous for:

- An action that started in the past and continued up until the present – I **have been living** in this house for over 30 years. (overlap with Present Perfect)

- To show that something was happening lately or recently – I **have been getting** a lot of headaches lately.

Exercises:

1. The baby **has been** for the past 3 hours. (sleep)
2. She **has been** really hard, lately. (work)



Choose the correct form of the present tense:

1. Owls are nocturnal birds that at night (hunt)
2. I am worried about him because he **has** not well lately. (feel)
3. My family Brazil several times. (visit)
4. I much more than usual lately. (read)
5. You away from work for two weeks already. (be)
6. He is much better because he healthy food lately. (eat)
7. John leaves the country, (rare) because he flying. (hate)
8. My teacher has not been at school because she a baby. (have)
9. You can't speak to him because he at the moment. (rest)
10. Mary often with her sister. (fight)
11. You always to do your homework. (forget)
12. In winter it a lot in Cape Town. (rain)
13. Mark is steak and I am fish. (eat)
14. We to Moscow next month. (fly)
15. I in Cape Town, but he in Moscow. (live)
16. The children fun in the rain. (have, play)
17. Jenna for a new flatmate. (look)
18. We my family this Christmas. (visit)
19. The children happily in the park. (play)
20. Mom is so happy because she her purse. (find)
21. My gran always the most delicious cakes. (bake)
22. Mark and Mary a baby. (have)
23. Look how dirty you are! What you ? (do)
24. He is not a bad person! I him all my life! (know)
25. I for a dentist appointment for over a month. (wait)
26. My husband and I a house later this year. (buy)
27. I the dogs for a walk this afternoon. (take)
28. I to London, but I haven't been to Paris. (be)

