

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)

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.

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....

Present Tense Revision

Complete the sentences with the correct present form.

1. A: Can I borrow your calculator?
B: Sorry, but I _____ (still / use) it.
A: Ok, it _____ (not matter). I'll ask for it to John.
2. See you in the morning. I _____ (leave) in a minute.
3. I _____ (never / wear) a tie to work and I _____ (refuse) to start now!
4. If you drop it, it will explode! What _____ (you / do)?
5. You are a great cook! This cake _____ (taste) wonderfully.
6. Excuse me, but _____ (this bus / stop) outside the Post Office?
7. Henry _____ (still / not find) a job.
8. I _____ (drive)! You can sit in the back with Martin.
9. Ugh, don't show me that picture! I _____ (can't stand) spiders!
10. Joan _____ (seldom / sit) next to Eve.
11. I've finished my exams so I _____ (lie) on the beach the rest of the summer.
12. Stop doing that! You _____ (be) very silly today, Paul!
13. It's ages since I _____ (not be) to an Indian restaurant. _____ (you / fancy) coming today with me?
14. In winter, what _____ (you / wear)?
15. Why _____ (you / look) at me like that? Have I done something wrong?
16. The coat _____ (not fit) me. I need a larger size.
17. Thanks for this great time. I _____ (have) a lovely evening.
18. This is an exam. Why _____ (you / talk)?
19. I _____ (not decide) about buying a new bike yet. I _____ (think) about it.
20. Every Easter my granny _____ (visit) us and my mum and she _____ (argue) angrily all the time.
21. How many books _____ (she / edit) so far?