

Present tenses revision

Present Simple

→ a repeated action or daily routine

I walk my dog every morning.

→ permanent state

Brian works in an estate agency.

→ general truths or laws of nature

Ice melts in temperature above zero.



Complete the sentences with the correct present form.

- I can't talk to you right now. I study for the technology exam.
- George sprained his wrist and he can't write now.
- Where you are? We wait for you since three o'clock.
- My dad washes our car once a week.
- Where are the kids? They play scrabble with their grandpa upstairs.
- My parents look for a car for my elder sister.
- A: Mum, can I watch 'Titanic'? B: But you see that film five times. Watch a different one.
- What time the library opens on weekdays?
- In my class there are children who never travel abroad in their lives.
- It rains all day. We can't go out to play in the garden.
- What Vicky does? She's a researcher. She works at Kingston University.
- A: Why Rick wears a tailcoat? B: Because he performs in the concert hall today.
- I usually walk home from school but today my friend's mum gives me a lift.
- Polly's hair grows since I last saw her.
- A: Laura ever acted in a school play? B: As far as I know she never.
- They visit you next Sunday?
- My grandma bakes delicious cheesecake, but now she makes a chocolate cake.
- Teresa exercises a lot recently. She looks perfect.
- Plants use sunlight to get energy.
- I haven't got up yet. I haven't worked today so I can stay in bed longer.
- James learns French since he was in high school. He speaks fluently now.
- The wind blows the leaves off the trees today.
- We live in this house since I was born.
- Where you keep your toys? In a wicker basket.
- Rita types letters for two hours. She already typed four.

Present Continuous

→ an action happening at the time of speaking

Look! Monica is crying.



→ an action happening around now but not at the moment of speaking

We are rehearsing a school play at present.

→ fixed arrangement in the near future

He is meeting his supervisor tomorrow.

I am seeing a dentist next Monday.



Present Perfect

→ an action that happened at an unstated time in the past

I have lost my wallet.

→ an action that started in the past and is still continuing in the present

Mrs. Webb has been a widow since 2003.

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- Tommy lost his car keys. He's furious about it.
- Look! Dave dances with Sarah. I can't believe it!
- A: Who cleaned up today? B: Nick and Bill cleaned.

Present Perfect Continuous

→ an action which started in the past and continues up to the present

Jake and Bill have been playing ludo for half an hour.

→ a past action of certain duration which results are visible in the present

It has been snowing all night. The path is covered with snow.

