

Present Simple

REGULAR HABITS or routines
Permanent situations
Scientific facts or general truths
Timetables
Stories, headlines, jokes
State verbs (non-progressive verbs)

Time Expressions:

always, usually, often, sometimes, seldom, rarely, hardly ever, never, 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 situations
Actions in progress/Changing
Arrangements for the future
Annoying habits or complaints (+ always)

Time Expressions:

at the moment, now, right now, at present, 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

Completed actions at an unspecified time in the past - we don't know WHEN (EXPERIENCE)
Actions that started in the past and continue in the present or that have a connection with the present.
Completed actions in the past with a RESULT in the present

Time Expressions:

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

Present Perfect Continuous

Actions that started in the past and continue in the present - emphasis on DURATION
Completed continuous courses of actions in the past with an undesirable RESULT in the present

Time Expressions:

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

Present Tense Revision

Complete the sentences with the correct present form.

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