

## Present Tense

### Types of Present Tense

The present tense is of four types. Namely,

- Simple present tense
- Present continuous tense
- Present perfect tense
- And, present perfect continuous tense

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### *Simple Present Tense*

#### **To form the simple present:**

- Subject + base form of verb
  - add “s” to third person singular

The simple present tense uses the same [verb](#) form as the root form of the verb. We use the simple present tense in the following [conditions](#):

- To show a fact or something that is always true
- For activities that we do daily -regularly or habitually
- To express thoughts, feelings, opinions and beliefs
- For a planned action or an event that will happen in the future
- Example
  - This person *goes* to the library often.
  - When *does* the flight to Seychelles depart from Mumbai airport?
  - I always *wake* up at 6 am.
  - *We agree* with most of your [plan](#).
  - I *like* chocolates.

## ***Present Continuous Tense***

### **To form the present continuous:**

- Subject + am/is/are + verb (and “-ing” to end of the verb)

This tense describes a continued or ongoing action at the present time. In other words, it expresses an action which is in progress at the time of speaking and has not yet been completed. In the following conditions we use the present continuous tense:

### **The present continuous tense is used to express:**

- actions that are happening now
  - Emmet is watching television.

- actions that are in progress
  - They are completing a project together.

## **What is the Present Perfect Tense?**

**What does present perfect tense mean?** The present perfect tense expresses actions that happened at time that is not specific and actions that started in the past but continue to the present.

### **To form the present perfect:**

- Subject + has/had + past participle of verb
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### **The present perfect is used to express:**

- actions in the past of indefinite time

- I have travelled to Paris.
- actions that started in the past but continue to present
- My mom has been a clerk her entire professional career.

## **What is the Present Perfect Continuous?**

**What does present perfect continuous mean?** The present perfect progressive tense expresses actions that began in the past and continue to the present and actions that have recently stopped.

### **To form the present perfect Continuous:**

- Subject + has/had + been + present participle (and “-ing” to end of the verb)

**The present perfect Continuous is used to express:**

- actions that began in the past but continue to present
  - The baby has been crying for hours.
- actions that have recently stopped
  - I have been waiting for you.

### Examples :

#### *Simple Present Tense*

1. My father **goes** to gym every day.
2. She loves to **play** basketball.
3. She **thinks** he is very handsome.
4. I **run** every weekend.
5. We **play** tennis every morning.
6. Does he **write** an email?
7. They **talk** too much.
8. Does he **go** to school?
9. It usually **rains** every day here.
10. It **smells** very delicious in the kitchen.

#### *Present Continuous Tense*

1. She is crying.

2. He is talking to his friend.
3. The baby is sleeping in his crib.
4. We are visiting the museum in the afternoon.
5. Marc is making pizza now.
6. They are eating lunch right now.
7. Frances is talking on the phone at the moment.
8. Are you visiting your cousin this weekend?
9. I am not going to the meeting after work.
10. Is John playing football today?

### ***Present Perfect Tense***

- 1) Have they played the piano? No, they haven't.
- 2) I have known Michael since high school.
- 3) My baby has slept since all night.
- 4) I have never been to Texas
- 5) People have not traveled to Venus.
- 6) Alex has studied two foreign languages.
- 7) She has learned to speak Spanish.

8) She has gone to the library.

9) You have not gone home.

10) The army has attacked that city two times.

### ***Present Perfect Continuous Tense***

1. They have been talking for the last hour.

2. She has been working at that company for three years.

3. What have you been doing for the last 30 minutes?

4. James has been teaching at the university since June.

5. We have been waiting here for over two hours!

6. Why has Nancy not been taking her medicine for the last three days?

7. Recently, I have been feeling really tired.

8. She has been watching too much television lately.

9. Have you been exercising lately?

10. Mary has been feeling a little depressed.