Intermediate Grammar Constructions

Tense/Construction	Case	Signal words	Form	Example
Present Simple	habits, routines, laws of naturetimetable	 usually, sometimes, never, every day, always 	V/Vs (do/does)	Steve usually <u>gets up</u> at 7 am and <u>goes</u> to work. The train to Kyiv <u>leaves</u> at 22:25
Present Continuous	now, at the momentaround now (temporary)future arrangements	now, at the momentthese days, this weektomorrow, next month	be + Ving	She's taking shower at the moment. Can you call her later? We're meeting friends at 2 pm tomorrow.
Present Perfect	experiencestarted – past, continues nowrecent events	ever, neverfor, sincealready, yet, just, recently	have/has + V3	I' <u>ve</u> never <u>watched</u> this film. She' <u>s worked</u> here for 3 years. We <u>haven't mopped</u> the floor yet.
Present Perfect Continuous	started – past, continues now (stress on duration!)side effect	for, since, all morning	have/has + been + Ving	I' <u>ve been working</u> on this project since morning.
Past Simple	events in the past (with exact time!)main events in stories	 yesterday, last month, in 2010, when (when I was in Paris) 	V2/Ved (did)	My father <u>bought</u> this house in 2009. We <u>went</u> to Prague by train, there we <u>met</u> our friends from Poland.
Past Continuous	long action in the pastbackground in stories	while, when, at 6 am yesterday	was/were + Ving	I <u>was watching</u> series when my friend texted me. The sun <u>was shining</u> brightly, people <u>were walking</u> down the street, birds <u>were singing</u> .
Past Perfect	events before other events in the past	before, becauseI realized/understood	had + V3	When the waiter brought the bill, I realized I <u>had forgotten</u> my wallet at home.
used to	habits in the past that are no longer true	when I was a child/when I was at school	used to + V (did)	We <u>used to play</u> football at school.
Future Simple	 future predictions (based on my opinion) decision at the moment of speaking 	next week, tomorrow, in the nearest future, next weekend	will + V	I think, she' <u>ll marry</u> him. Oh, it's hard No sweat, I' <u>ll help</u> you!
might/may	future prediction that you are not sure about		might/may + V	She <u>might come</u> to the party, but she's not sure yet.

be going to	future plans/intentionsfuture predictions (evidence)	be going to + V	We <u>are going to buy</u> a new laptop. Look at those clouds! It' <u>s going to be</u> rainy.
Conditional 1	real condition + result in future	If + Present Simple will + V	e, If it's a good weather on Sunday, we will go for a picnic.
Conditional 2	unreal condition + result in present or future	If + Past Simple, would + V	If I had a million dollars, I would buy a castle for you.
Conditional 3	unreal past (regrets, criticism)	If + Past Perfect would + have + V	,
Passive	the action is done with the object. The object is passive	be + V3	I cannot find my phone. I'm afraid, it <u>has</u> <u>been stolen.</u>