

## Short Review of the Tenses in English

### PRESENT SIMPLE

*Affirmative:* SUBJ + V1

He sings in the shower. I like dogs. We have got a car.

*Negative:* SUBJ + AUX (negative) + V1

He doesn't sing in the shower. I don't like dogs. We haven't got a car.

*Question:* AUX + SUBJ + V1 ?

Does he sing in the shower? Do you like dogs? Have we got a car?

### PRESENT SIMPLE - VERB BE

*Affirmative:* SUBJ + BE (present)

He is (He's) an astronaut. I am (I'm) tall.

*Negative:* SUBJ + BE (present) + NOT

He is (He's) not an astronaut. I am (I'm) not tall.

*Question:* BE (present) + SUBJ + V1\*

Is he an astronaut? Are you tall?

### PRESENT CONTINUOUS

*Affirmative:* SUBJ + BE (present) + V-ing

I am (I'm) writing an email. She is baking chocolate chip cookies.

*Negative:* SUBJ + BE (present) + NOT + V-ing

I am not writing an email. She is not baking chocolate chip cookies.

*Question:* BE (present) + SUBJ + V-ing

Are you writing an email. Is she baking chocolate chip cookies?

## **PRESENT PERFECT**

*Affirmative:* SUBJ + AUX (present) + V3 \*\*\*

I have seen this film three times. It has snowed a lot.

*Negative:* SUBJ + AUX (present) + NOT + V3 \*\*\*

I have never seen this film. It hasn't snowed a lot.

*Question:* AUX (present) + SUBJ + V3\*\*\*

Have you (ever) seen this film? Has it snowed a lot?

## **PAST SIMPLE**

*Affirmative:* SUBJ + V2\*\*

I cooked some rice and salmon last night. He went to the market on Saturday.

*Negative:* SUBJ + AUX (past, negative) + V2\*\*

I didn't cook some rice and salmon last night. He didn't go to the market on Saturday.

*Question:* AUX (past) + SUBJ + V2\*\*

Did you cook some rice and salmon last night? Did he go to the market on Saturday?

## **PAST SIMPLE - VERB BE**

*Affirmative:* SUBJ + BE (past)

He was an engineer. I was short.

*Negative:* SUBJ + BE (past) + NOT

He was not (wasn't) an engineer. I was not (wasn't) short.

*Question:* BE (past) + SUBJ + V1\*

Was he an engineer? Were you short?

## PAST CONTINUOUS

*Affirmative:* SUBJ + BE (past) + V-ing

I was singing in the rain. We were playing Mario Kart when Michelle came in.

*Negative:* SUBJ + BE (past, negative) + NOT + V-ing

I was not (wasn't) singing in the rain. We were not (weren't) playing Mario Kart when Michelle came in.

*Question:* BE (past) + SUBJ + V-ing

Were you singing in the rain? Were we playing Mario Kart when Michelle came in?

## PAST PERFECT

*Affirmative:* SUBJ + AUX (past) + V3 \*\*\*

I had (already) left when they came in. He had fallen asleep by the time the class ended.

*Negative:* SUBJ + AUX (past, negative) + NOT + V3 \*\*\*

I hadn't left (yet) when they came in. He hadn't fallen asleep by the time the class ended.

*Question:* AUX (past) + SUBJ + V3

Had you (already) left when they came in? Had he fallen asleep by the time the class ended?

\* V1 = infinite form (like, watch, see, keep)

\*\* V2 = past tense of the verb, second column (liked, watched, saw, kept)

\*\*\*V3 = past participle, third column (liked, watched, seen, kept)