Grammar Appendix

Present Simple and Continuous

FORM	USE	EXAMPLES
PRESENT SIMPLE	a. a habitual action or a fact	I watch sport at the weekends.
bare infinitive (-s / -es)	b. a general truth	The earth revolves around the sun.
(-) do / does + not + bare infinitive	c. stative verbs (see, hear, etc.)	I don't remember the address.
(?) Do / Does + subject + bare infinitive	d. future (timetable / schedule)	University starts next Monday. My train leaves in two hours.
	e. narrative, commentary about a sporting event, joke, etc.	I arrive at the hotel and I find He aims for the basket oh, he misses!
PRESENT CONTINUOUS am / is / are + verb-ing	an action in progress at the time of speaking	We're watching the news now.
(-) am / is / are + not + verb-ing (?) Am / Is / Are + subject + verb-ing	b. an incomplete action still in progress, usually temporary	l' m taking a judo course.
(:) All / 13 / Ale + Subject + Verb ing	c. an arrangement or plan in the near future	We are meeting Sue at the cinema tonight.
	d. With always, forever, constantly, etc., for an action that happens very often (usually a criticism or a complaint)	Paul is always losing things. She is forever arranging little suprises for us.

Passive

They grow oranges here. → Oranges are grown here.

The teacher is marking our tests now. → Our tests are being marked by the teacher now.

Time Expressions

- Present Simple: always, often, usually, occasionally, sometimes, rarely, hardly ever, scarcely, never, every week, once / twice a year, on Monday
- Present Continuous: now, right now, at the moment, today, tonight
 With a future meaning: this week, next week, tomorrow, soon, on Tuesday

Stative Verbs

- 1. Stative verbs refer to the state of things rather than an action and are not usually used in the continuous form. These verbs express:
 - senses: feel, hear, smell, sound, see, taste, notice, recognise
 - **mental activities:** appear, believe, consider, depend, doubt, expect, feel, forget, forgive, guess, hope, imagine, know, mean, mind, prefer, realise, remember, seem, suppose, think, understand
 - possession: belong to, have, own, owe, possess
 - emotion: adore, desire, dislike, fear, hate, like, love, need, want, wish
 - measurements: cost, equal, measure, weigh
- 2. Some of these verbs can be used in the continuous form when the meaning changes from a state to an activity in progress.

I have a new bicycle. (possess)

I'm having supper at home. (eating)

I think it's a good idea. (opinion)

I'm thinking of travelling abroad. (considering)

Mum **feels** that I've made a good choice. (opinion)

Are you **feeling** better? (physical feeling)

Do you see what I mean? (understand)

Jane is seeing her boyfriend tonight. (meeting)

The Future: Future Simple and Continuous, *be going to*, Future Perfect, Present Simple and Continuous

FORM	USE	EXAMPLES
FUTURE SIMPLE	a. information about the future	We'll visit you tomorrow.
will + bare infinitive	b. a spontaneous decision	I'll do the shopping.
(-) will not + bare infinitive	c. a suggestion / offer / request	Will you play the piano for us, please?
(?) Will + subject + bare infinitive	d. a prediction or warning	You'll catch cold if you don't wear a hat.
	e. willingness or refusal to do something	I'll make the salad, but I won't clean the chicken.
	f. opinion or speculation about the	I know she will like this CD.
	future (often after verbs like: think, know, expect, suppose, be sure)	I'm sure he'll arrive soon.
FUTURE CONTINUOUS	a. when we know an action will be in	I'll be writing a test between 3.00 and
will be + verb-ing	progress at a certain time in the future	5.00 this afternoon.
(-) will not be + verb-ing	b. a future action that has been	Kylie Minogue will be appearing here
(?) Will + subject + be + verb-ing	pre-arranged	next month.
be going to + bare infinitive	a. a plan or intention	I am going to visit them in May.
	b. a prediction based on present evidence	The wind is strong. There's going to be a storm soon.
FUTURE PERFECT SIMPLE	an activity that will be completed by a certain time in the future	By tomorrow, the cleaners will have finished all the office carpets.
will have + past participle	certain time in the luture	inished all the office carpets.
FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS	to emphasise how long an activity has	By June, I will have been living in this
will have been + verb-ing	been going on by a specific time in the future	house for three years.
PRESENT SIMPLE	a planned future action or series of	My dentist appointment is tomorrow, so
	actions connected with a timetable, a programme or a journey	I can't come to the cinema with you.
		Her plane arrives at 2.00 a.m.
PRESENT CONTINUOUS	personal arrangements and fixed plans	I am getting my bicycle back this afternoon.

Passive

The newspaper will publish your article. → Your article will be published by the newspaper.

The police are going to question the suspect. \rightarrow The suspect is going to be questioned by the police.

By tomorrow, the cleaner will have washed the windows.

By tomorrow, the windows will have been washed.

The Future Continuous and the Future Perfect Continuous have no passive form.

Notes

- 1. **Be about to** + **bare infinitive** can be used to express the future. It refers to something that will happen very soon. I am about to leave for Paris.
- 2. Some words, such as time expressions (temporals) and conditionals, are followed by the present tense although they have a future meaning.

Phone me if you need help tomorrow. (conditional)

Call me when Tom arrives. (temporal)

Take an umbrella in case it rains later.

Past Simple and Continuous, Past Perfect Simple and Continuous, used to / would

FORM	USE	EXAMPLES
PAST SIMPLE verb-ed (except irregular verbs) (-) did not + bare infinitive (?) Did + subject + bare infinitive	 a. a completed action that took place at a definite time in the past b. several actions that happened in the past one after another c. the main events in a narrative 	We bought the house a year ago. I didn't understand the instructions. She got up , took her bag and left . The speeding car hit a dog and did not stop .
PAST CONTINUOUS was / were + verb-ing (-) was / were not + verb-ing (?) Was / Were + subject + verb-ing PAST PERFECT SIMPLE had + past participle (-) had not + past participle (?) Had + subject + past participle	 a. an action in progress at a specific time in the past b. two incomplete actions taking place at the same time in the past c. an action in progress (Past Continuous) interrupted by another action (Past Simple) d. background to a narrative an activity that happened before another activity or time in the past 	At 9.00 pm last night, we were visiting friends. I was playing the guitar while Cindy was singing. We were walking home when the storm broke. We looked outside. It was raining hard and the wind was howling. He did well in his exam; he had studied really hard. By the time we found the hall, the meeting had started.
		No sooner had we heard the thunder than the lights went out.
PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS had been + verb-ing (-) had not been + verb-ing (?) Had + subject + been + verb-ing	 a. an action which started before a particular time in the past and was still in progress at that time b. an action that had just finished at a particular time in the past but was still relevant at that time c. to say how long something had been happening before something else happened 	She realised that she had been reading the same page for half an hour. I was tired when I got home because I'd been working hard all day. Ann had been waiting for 20 minutes when she realised she was in the wrong office.

Passive

We bought the house a year ago. → The house was bought a year ago.

The students were discussing the exam. \rightarrow The exam was being discussed by the students. By 10 pm, we had collected £5,000. \rightarrow By 10 pm, £5,000 had been collected.

The Past Perfect Continuous has no passive form.

Time Expressions

- Past Simple: a month / year ago, yesterday, last week / month, in 1963 / November, when, the other day
- Past Continuous: yesterday, at 9 o'clock, as, while
- Past Perfect Simple: by the time, after, before, when, as soon as, already, for, no sooner ... than
- Past Perfect Continuous: for, since, all night / week

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used to / be used to / get used to / would

FORM	USE	EXAMPLES
used to + bare infinitive (-) did not use to /	an action that happened regularly in the past but no longer happens	I used to / would play with imaginary friends when I was younger.
never used to + bare infinitive (?) Did + subject + use to + bare		I didn't use to go to the gym. (but now I do)
infinitive		Did you use to go to parties when you were my age?
	b. a past habit, state or situation	I used to own a bicycle, but I sold it.
be used to + noun / gerund	be accustomed to something which is no longer new or strange (can be expressed in all tenses)	I am used to sleeping late at the weekend. He's not used to his new home yet. I was used to dancing every day and didn't want to give it up.
get used to + noun / gerund	the process of becoming accustomed to something (can be expressed in all tenses)	David is getting used to his new school. We quickly got used to life in the country. I can't get used to studying all day.

Note: *Used to* can be replaced by *would* for actions that happened regularly. We use it in positive sentences. I **would** often **play** with imaginary friends when I was younger.

Present Perfect Simple and Continuous

FORM	USES	EXAMPLES
PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE have / has + past participle (-) have / has not + past participle (?) Have / Has + subject + past participle	 a. an action that took place at an unstated time in the past but has present relevance b. an action that began in the past and continues up to the present (usually with stative verbs and <i>for</i> and <i>since</i>) c. for unfinished time periods d. an action that happened several times or repeatedly in the past 	I have seen the doctor and everything is OK. We have just finished the test. We have studied here for five years. I have known the twins since they were babies. I haven't read the paper today. I have met her twice.
	e. after superlatives and expressions like it / this is the first / second time	This is the worst film I've ever seen .
PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS have / has been + verb-ing	an action that began in the past and continues up to the present	She has been talking on the phone for half an hour.
(-) have / has not been + verb-ing(?) Have / Has + subject + been + verb-ing	 to say how long something has been happening (usually with for and since) 	I have been sleeping all afternoon.
	c. an action that has just finished and still influences the present	The dog is wet because he has been running in the rain.

Passive

Someone has found my book. → My book has been found. Have they invited you? → Have you been invited? The Present Perfect Continuous has no passive form.

Time Expressions

- Present Perfect Simple: just, yet, already, ever, never, lately, recently, so far, always, for, since, how long
- Present Perfect Continuous: for, since, all day / morning, how long

Gerunds and Infinitives

1. Verbs and expressions followed by a gerund (verb-ing)

admit	deny	finish	it's worth	postpone	risk
appreciate	discuss	forget	keep	practise	spend (time)
avoid	dislike	go	look forward to	recall	stop
can't help	end up	have trouble	mention	recommend	suggest
can't stand	enjoy	imagine	mind	resent	tolerate
consider	fancy	involve	miss	resist	understand
delay	feel like	it's no use / good			

I appreciate hearing from you. She doesn't mind helping you. He spends a lot of time reading.

2. Verbs and expressions followed by an infinitive (to + verb)

afford	be ready	deserve	it's easy	prepare	tend
agree	be willing	expect	learn	pretend	threaten
appear	beg	fail	manage	promise	volunteer
arrange	care	forget	mean	refuse	wait
ask	claim	have a chance	need	seem	want
attempt	consent	hesitate	offer	struggle	wish
be afraid	decide	hope	plan	swear	would like
be pleased	demand	it's difficult	-		

be pleased demand it's difficult

He deserved to win the competition. Will you have a chance to speak to her? I'm afraid to tell Bill the truth.

3. Verbs followed by a noun / pronoun + infinitive

advise	challenge	expect	instruct	persuade	urge
allow	convince	forbid	invite	remind	want
ask	dare	force	need	require	warn
beg	enable	help	order	teach	
cause	encourage	hire	permit	tell	

I expected John to phone me. Our teacher encourages us to read. They urged us to come early.

4. Verbs followed either by a gerund or an infinitive without a change in meaning

begin	continue	intend	prefer
can't bear	hate	love	start

I can't bear to hear the shouting. I intend to travel in the future. She continued to work. I can't bear hearing the shouting. I intend travelling in the future. She continued working.

5. Verbs followed by a gerund or an infinitive with a change in meaning

forget regret remember stop try

I won't forget visiting Gran in hospital. (forget what happened)

I won't forget to visit Gran. (forget what to do)

I regret shouting at her. (be sorry about what happened)

I regret to tell you that you failed the exam. (be sorry about what you must do)

I remember phoning Aunt Mary. (remember what happened)

Remember to phone Aunt Mary! (remember what to do)

I stopped eating chocolate. (I no longer eat chocolate.)

I stopped to eat chocolate. (I stopped what I was doing in order to eat chocolate.)

I tried to get the chair through the door but it was too big. (attempt)

I tried taking some aspirin but my headache didn't go away. (experiment)

6. Other uses of gerunds

as the subject Sunbathing is unhealthy.

after prepositions He's tired of studying every day.

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Review of the Passive: be + past participle

The passive is formed with the verb *to be* + past participle.

FORM	ACTIVE	PASSIVE
PRESENT SIMPLE	We grow oranges here.	Oranges are grown here.
PRESENT CONTINUOUS	They are washing the dishes.	The dishes are being washed.
PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE	They have painted our house.	Our house has been painted.
PAST SIMPLE	He opened the window.	The window was opened.
PAST CONTINUOUS	We were washing the dishes.	The dishes were being washed.
PAST PERFECT SIMPLE	She had done the shopping.	The shopping had been done.
FUTURE SIMPLE	We will make the beds.	The beds will be made.
FUTURE PERFECT SIMPLE	She will have cleaned her room.	Her room will have been cleaned.
BE GOING TO	They are going to print the article.	The article is going to be printed.
MODAL	He can prepare the report.	The report can be prepared.
SEMI-MODAL	She has to hand in the form today.	The form has to be handed in today.
MODAL PERFECT	She should have taken the test.	The test should have been taken.

Notes

- 1. The following tenses do not have a passive form: Present Perfect Continuous, Past Perfect Continuous, Future Continuous and Future Perfect Continuous.
- 2. The agent is not mentioned when it is obvious, unimportant or unknown.

Her baby was born last month.

Potatoes are grown here.

3. **By** + **agent** is used when it is important to know who does the action.

These stamps were collected by my grandfather.

4. When the active sentence has both a direct and indirect object, we usually begin the passive sentence with the indirect object (the person).

We gave Jim a CD. → Jim was given a CD. (less common: A CD was given to Jim.)

- 5. Don't forget the particle with phrasal verbs in the passive.
 - She turned down the offer. \rightarrow The offer was turned down.
- 6. Some verbs (believe, consider, expect, know, say, think, suppose) are followed by the infinitive when used in the passive.

He is considered to be an excellent doctor.

John was expected to be ready at noon. (We can also say: John was expected to have been ready at noon.)

Modals and Semi-Modals

MODAL	USE	EXAMPLES
can	a. a general ability in the present or future	I can play the piano.
	h a request	I can come over later.
	b. a request	Can I ride your bicycle?
	c. permission	You can have some cake.
can't	an impossibility or something hard to believe	Jim can't be away; he's just called me.
could	 a. a general ability in the past (past form of can) 	He could read when he was four.
	b. possibility (not certain)	He could either be at home or at school.
	c. a polite request / asking permission	Could I use your computer?
	d. an impossibility or inability in the past	I couldn't find my book.
	e. a suggestion	You could try talking to her.
may	a. a future possibility	I may go on a picnic.
	b. a polite request (formal)	May I close the window?
	c. permission (formal)	You may borrow my pen.
might	a. a future possibility	It might stop raining later today.
_	b. past form of <i>may</i>	She said that she might phone us tonight.
will	a. a certainty or prediction	She will leave tomorrow evening.
	b. willingness / a spontaneous decision	l'II get some bread.
	c. a polite request	Will you pour me some tea, please?
would	a. a polite request	Would you phone John for me?
	b. repeated past action	When I was ill, I would spend hours
		watching TV.
	c. past form of will	I hoped she would write to us.
	d. refusal or impossibility (negative)	We tried to tell her but she wouldn't listen.
should / ought to	a. an obligation	I should go home soon.
	b. advice	You should stay in bed today.
	 c. a polite suggestion when unsure of the answer 	Should I leave the book here?
	d. logical probability	She ought to get the results today.
		She should get back any day now.
must	a. a strong necessity	You must follow the doctor's instructions.
	b. a strong obligation	You must stop at a red traffic light.
	c. almost certainty	She studied all day. She must be tired.
	d. a strong recommendation	You must taste this coffee.
mustn't	prohibition	You mustn't walk on the grass.
shall	a. a polite suggestion or offer of help (with I or we)	Shall I lock the windows?
	b. future (with pronouns I or we as subject – formal)	We shall send a reply to the invitation.
needn't	lack of necessity (= don't have to)	You needn't pay me until next month.

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SEMI-MODAL	USE	EXAMPLES
be able to	a. general ability (= can) (can be expressed in all tenses)	The child is able to dress himself. You will be able to come home soon.
	b. a specific past ability / managing to do something despite difficulty	We were able to rescue the dog from the fire. (not: <i>We could rescue</i> X)
have / has to	an obligation or necessity (can be expressed in all tenses)	I have to wear a seat belt. I don't have to get up early today. She had to study for a test yesterday. We will have to do the shopping tomorrow.

MODAL PERFECT	USE	EXAMPLES
must have + past participle	when we are quite sure about a past action	John's car wasn't there. He must have left early.
can't have + past participle	when we are sure that something did not happen	They can't have heard the news. We kept it a secret.
may / might / could have + past participle	when we do not know what happened in the past (we are guessing)	Ann hasn't phoned yet. She may have overslept .
could have + past participle	when we had the ability to do something in the past but did not do it	I could have baked a cake, but I ordered one instead.
should / ought to have + past participle	a. when expectations were not fulfilled	They should have contacted us by now, but they haven't.
	 b. when sensible advice was not followed 	You should have apologised to Tim.
would have + past participle	willingness to do something, but didn't do it	I would have visited Gran, but I was ill.
needn't have + past participle	it wasn't necessary to do something (but it was done anyway)	You needn't have worked so hard. I could have helped you.
will have + past participle (Future Perfect)	an action that will be completed by some point in the future	By this time next year, I will have learned to drive.

Passive

They may sell their house. \rightarrow Their house **may be sold**.

You have to clean your room. → Your room has to be cleaned.

They should have contacted us \rightarrow We **should have been contacted**.

Relative Clauses

A **relative clause** gives information about a noun. It immediately follows the noun it describes and often begins with a relative pronoun.

A **defining relative clause** identifies the noun it refers to. A **non-defining relative clause** gives additional information about something that is already clearly identified. Non-defining relative clauses are separated by commas from the rest of the sentence.

RELATIVE PRONOUN	USE	EXAMPLES
who	for people	The children who live here are very friendly. (defining) She is the one who I voted for. (defining) Jane, who lives next door, is a nurse. (non-defining)
which	for things and animals	The play which we saw was excellent. (defining) This flat, which is in the centre of the city, is suitable for us. (non-defining)
that	can replace who or which in defining relative clauses only a. often used after words like all, none, little, few, anything, nothing b. after superlatives (often with the Present Perfect)	Here's the child that sang so well. Did you buy the shoes that you wanted? There is little that we can do. Casablanca was the best film that I have ever seen.
whom	for people – used in formal English a. as the object b. after prepositions	This is the teacher whom I described. (defining) She is the candidate for whom I voted. (defining) The Bartons, to whom we have just spoken, are coming to visit us soon. (non-defining)
whose	to show possession	The girl whose bicycle was damaged is upset. (defining) Tim Smith, whose teaching methods are really good, is a teacher at our school. (non-defining)
where	for places	The house where I grew up looks the same. (defining) Here is the <i>Lifestyle Club</i> , where I do aerobics . (non-defining)
when	for time	I remember the day when (that) we first met. (defining) I met her in March, when I was taking a computer course. (non-defining)

Note

Who, whom, which or that may be omitted from a defining relative clause when it is the object of the verb in the relative clause. (This is more common in spoken English.)

The play (that / which) **we saw** was excellent.

Did you buy the shoes (that / which) **you wanted**?

This is the teacher (whom) I described to you.

She is the one (that) I voted for.

Reported Speech (Indirect Speech)

When we report what someone has said, if the reporting verb is in the past, we move the verb of the sentence back one tense. The chart below reviews these tense changes from direct to indirect speech.

DIRECT	INDIRECT
PRESENT SIMPLE	PAST SIMPLE
He said, "I go to school by bus."	He said (that) he went to school by bus.
PRESENT CONTINUOUS	PAST CONTINUOUS
She said, "I am learning French."	She said (that) she was learning French.
PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE	PAST PERFECT SIMPLE
He said, "I have written a reply."	He said (that) he had written a reply.
PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS	PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS
She said, "I have been doing exercises."	She said (that) she had been doing exercises.
PAST SIMPLE	PAST PERFECT SIMPLE
She said, "I practised the piano."	She said (that) she had practised the piano.
PAST CONTINUOUS	PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS
He said, "I was playing a computer game."	He said (that) he had been playing a computer game.
FUTURE	FUTURE PAST
He said, "I will book the tickets."	He said (that) he would book the tickets.
She said, "I will be marking tests."	She said (that) she would be marking tests.
IMPERATIVE	TO + BARE INFINITIVE
He said, "Stop talking!"	He told me to stop talking.
She said, "Don't waste paper."	She asked us not to waste paper.
MODAL/ SEMI MODAL	MODAL
He said, "I can write clearly."	He said that he could write clearly.
He asked, "Shall I hang up the washing?"	He asked if he should hang up the washing.
He said, "I may play tennis on Saturday."	He said that he might play tennis on Saturday.
He said, "I have to hand in my composition."	He said that he had to hand in his composition.
TIME EXPRESSIONS	TIME EXPRESSIONS
now	then
today	that day
yesterday	the day before, the previous day
tomorrow	the next / following day, the day after
next week / month	the next / following week / month
last week / month	the previous week / month, the week / month before
a week ago	the week before
here	there
this	that
these	those

Notes

1. The Past Perfect Simple and Past Perfect Continuous do not change in indirect speech.

She said, "I had expected a reply." \rightarrow She said she had expected a reply.

He said, "I had been working there for a while \rightarrow He said he had been working there for a while when we met."

2. The modals should, could, would, might and ought to do not change in indirect speech.

3. If the **reporting** verb is in the Present Simple, Present Perfect or Future Simple, the tense of the verb in the main clause does not change.

He says, "I can come next week." → He says that he can come next week."

4. When we report something which is a fact, we do not need to change the tense of the verb.

She said, "PETA is an international organisation."

She explained that PETA is (was) an international organisation.

5. a. In indirect speech, the first conditional is often reported as the second conditional.

"If I hear any news, I will tell you," she said. → She said that if she heard any news, she would tell me.

b. The second and third conditionals require no change in indirect speech.

John said, "If I won a trip, I'd go to Thailand." → John said that if he won a trip, he'd go to Thailand.

- 6. When we report questions, we change the word order to that of a regular sentence. (This is the same rule as for indirect questions.)
 - a. Wh- Questions

"Why are you crying?" he asked. → He asked why I was crying.

b. Yes / No Questions

"Do you play basketball?" "No, I don't." → She asked whether / if I played basketball, and I replied that I didn't.

- 7. Different reporting verbs are followed by different structures.
 - a. Statements

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say + (that) + sentence
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He said, "I found my key." → He said (that) he had found his key.

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tell + object + (that) + sentence
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I said to John, "We're watching a film."

I told John (that) we were watching a film.

explain that + sentence

She said, "You misunderstood the question."

She explained that I had misunderstood the question.

b. Questions

ask, wonder, inquire, want to know, would like to know + whether / if + sentence

Mum asked, "Will you be home for lunch?" → Mum asked whether I would be home for lunch.

c. Commands

tell, order, instruct, ask, beg, invite, warn, command + object + (not) + infinitive

The officer ordered his soldiers, "Stop here!" → The officer ordered his soldiers to stop there.

8. We can also report what someone said with certain verbs + gerunds without giving the exact words the speaker used.

suggest, accuse, apologise, deny + gerund

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I said, "Let's go to the beach." \rightarrow I suggested going to the beach.
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He said, "You stole my money." → He accused them of stealing his money.

"I'm sorry I'm late," she said. → She apologised for being late.

"I didn't break the window," he said. → He **denied breaking** the window.

Conditionals

	FORI	И	USE	EXAMPLES
	Conditional Clause	Main Clause (Result)		
ZERO CONDITIONAL	If + present	Present Simple	to talk about things that are generally true	If babies are hungry, they cry .
FIRST CONDITIONAL	If + present If + present	Future Modal	a. future possibility	If I finish my project, I will hand it in tomorrow. You'll be tired tomorrow unless you go to bed now. If you apologise, she may forgive you.
	If + present	Imperative	b. command	If you have to leave, go now.
SECOND CONDITIONAL (unreal)	If + Past Simple	would / could / might + bare infinitive	a hypothetical or imaginary situation in the present or future; also used to express advice, hope or ambition	If I won the lottery, I'd travel abroad. If I were you, I would buy a computer. If I had my own piano, I could play every day.
THIRD CONDITIONAL (past)	If + Past Perfect	would / could / might + have + past participle	an unfulfilled condition in the past; may be used to express regret about the past	If I had heard earlier, I would have come over. (but I didn't hear)

Notes

- 1. unless = if not
- 2. In formal English, we use were for all subjects in the second conditional.

If she were here, she would help us.

- 3. Other words can be used instead of if.
 - Suppose / Supposing used to ask What if ...? These words are followed by a question.
 Suppose / Supposing you had her phone number, would you phone her?
 - Provided / Providing (that), on condition that, as long as = if and only if ...

She'll go on holiday provided (that) she saves enough money.

I'll listen on condition that you tell me the whole story.

You can walk where you like as long as you keep off the grass.

• In case refers to things we do in order to get ready for something.

We'll buy some more food in case Sue and Jack come over.

Compare: in case of + noun

In case of emergency, phone this number. (= If there is an emergency)

• Otherwise can replace an if clause.

Wash these strawberries in lots of water. **Otherwise**, we won't be able to eat them. (= If you don't wash them)

4. Other words that are not followed by will and would when referring to the future include: after, when, until / till, once, as soon as, as long as, before, the moment that, whenever, by the time, while

When she gets to London, she will phone us.

We will wait here until the rain stops.

We decided that we would go out as soon as the rain stopped.

Wish Clauses

There are three forms of wish sentences.

FORM	USE	EXAMPLES
wish + would / could + bare infinitive	a. usually refers to the future b. a complaint about the present or a desire for change	I wish she would phone me. I wish it would stop raining.
wish + Past Simple	dissatisfaction with a present situation	I wish I lived near my cousins. I wish they were here now.
wish + Past Perfect	regret about a past situation	I wish I had refused the invitation. I wish you hadn't shouted at Bob.

Notes

- Wish + would can only be used with different subjects.
 wish he would stop shouting. (not: I wish I would run faster. X)
- If only can replace wish and is often used to stress the wish or express deep regret.
 If only she would phone me.
 If only they were here now.
 If only I had refused the invitation.
- We use were as the form of the verb to be in wishes about the present (as in the second conditional).
 I wish Mary were in our class.

The Causative

Have / Get

The verbs *have* and *get* can be used to express the idea that we cause or arrange for someone else to do something for us. The causative can be expressed in different tenses.

do it yourself	have / get something done (by someone else)	have someone do something / get someone to do something
I painted my nails.	I had / got my nails painted (by the beautician).	I had the beautician paint my nails. I got the cleaner to wash the windows.
I am polishing my floors.	I am having / getting my floors polished (by the cleaner).	I am having the cleaner polish my floors. I got the cleaner to polish my floors.

Make / Let somebody do something (Make / Let + object + bare infinitive)

Make expresses the idea that someone is forced to do something.

My parents **made me do** my homework.

Do they make you study at the weekend?

Note: When we use *made* in the passive, we add *to* + bare infinitive.

The children were made to clean up after the party.

• let = allow

My sister let me borrow her jacket.

Do you let your dog sleep in your room?

Special Structures

FORM	EXAMPLES
so + adjective / adverb	The film was so exciting!
so + adjective / adverb + that	How did you get here so quickly ? The cake was so tasty that I ate three slices.
such + noun	The news was such a shock !
such + adjective + noun such + adjective + noun + that	Our neighbours are such nice people . It was such a tasty cake that I ate three slices.
enough + noun	She doesn't have enough money .
adjective / adverb + enough adjective / adverb + enough + to + bare infinitive	He tried to reach the shelf, but he wasn't tall enough. He plays well enough to be in the team.
too + adjective / adverb	These jeans are too big for me.
too + adjective / adverb + to + bare infinitive	He talks too quickly.
	He is too young to drive.
despite / in spite of + noun / verb-ing	We went on a picnic despite / in spite of the cold weather. In spite of having / Despite having a driving licence, he is unwilling to drive.
although / even though / though + subject + verb	Although he has a driving licence, he is unwilling to drive.
what + noun phrase	He knew what a difficult job it was.
how + adjective / adverb	He knew how difficult the job was.
it's time + to + bare infinitive	It's time to leave.
it's (high / about) time + subject + Past Simple	It's time for us to leave. It's time he stopped behaving so rudely.
had better (+ not) + bare infinitive	You'd better walk carefully.
nad better (+ not) + bare minimive	Hadn't you better ask your parents' permission?
	He'd better not touch my books.
would rather + bare infinitive (+ than + bare infinitive)	He would rather leave now.
would rather + subject + Past Simple	She'd rather see a film than go to a play.
	The doctor would rather I stayed in bed. Mum would rather we didn't eat sweets.
prefer + noun / gerund + to + noun / gerund	prefer tea to coffee.
	He prefers jogging to running .
prefer (+ not) + to + bare infinitive	We prefer to live in a flat rather than a house.
	She prefers not to talk about it.
I insist on + gerund	l insist on leaving now.
I insist (that) + subject + (should) bare infinitive	We insist that she stay with us.
I recommend + gerund I recommend / suggest (that) + subject + (should) + bare infinitive	I recommend having lunch at the new fish restaurant. I recommend that he (should) send in the form today.