

## Present tenses

Present tenses:



- present simple
- present continuous
- present perfect
- present perfect continuous

In this lesson, we will look at the **form** and **uses** of each tense. (Active voice)

### Present Simple ?

**Form:** Use the base form of a verb, adding an /s/ to the end of the verb for 3<sup>rd</sup> person singular. Questions and negatives with do / does + the infinitive without 'to'.

**Uses:**

- Use 1: Actions that we do regularly or routine
- Use 2: General, timeless facts - permanent situations - habits
- Use 3: Narrative style
- Use 4: Things that are happening right now, but **ONLY** when the verb is stative.

### Present Continuous ?

•**Form:** The present tense of "to be" (am/is/are)+ verb + ing. Questions and negatives with am/ are/is + not + verb-ing.

•**Uses:**

- Use 1: Things that are happening right now, for all verbs except stative verbs
- Use 2: Temporary situations and activities that are in progress
- Use 3: For future arrangements, usually with a time expression.



### Present Perfect ?

**Form:** Have or has + past form of a verb. Make negatives with **not** and change the word order to make questions.

**Uses:**

- Use 1: Actions that started in the past, continue into the present, and may continue into the future
- Use 2: Separate actions that happened in the past and may happen again in the future
- Use 3: Recently completed actions that still influence things happening in the present

### Present Perfect Continuous ?

**Form:** Have or has + been + verb + ing

**Uses:**

- Use 1: **Actions** that started in the past, continue into the present, and may continue into the future