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GRAMMAR:TENSES

SIMPLE PRESENT

We use the simple present for

General facts :

The earth **turns** around the sun

Habits:

Moroccan people **eat** couscous on Friday.

Permanent actions :

My father **works** in a bank

Routines:

I always watch television after work.

Timetables and schedules:

The plane from Paris **arrives** at six o'clock.

I study English from half past eight to half past nine on Monday.

To Express preferences:

She **likes** tea better than coffee.

How to form the simple present

Affirmative:

I-you -we- they work

He -she -it works

NegativeInterrogative

do not/don't work Do I/you/we/they work?

does not/doesn't work... Does he/she/it work ?

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Present Uses

1: First, we use the present continuous for things that are happening at the moment of speaking. These things usually last for quite a short time and they are not finished when we are talking about them.

- **I'm working** at the moment.
- Please call back as **we are eating** dinner now.
- Amine **is sleeping**.

Future Uses

5: The next use is for definite future arrangements (with a future time word). In this case we have already made a plan and we are pretty sure that the event will happen in the future.

- **I'm meeting** my father tomorrow.
- **We're going** to the beach at the weekend.
- **I'm leaving** at three.

Present Continuous Forms

The present continuous is formed using **am/is/are + present participle**. Questions are indicated by inverting the subject and *am/is/are*. Negatives are made with *not*.

- Statement: You **are watching** TV. He **is watching** TV
- Question: **Are you watching** TV? **Is he watching** TV?
- Negative: You **are not / aren't watching** TV....He **is not/isn't watching** TV.

Simple past

- We use the simple past to talk about an action that happened and finished in the past with the following time indicators:
yesterday ,last , ago , dates in the past like in 1989.etc.....,in the past, once upon a time etc.....

Regular verbs:

Verb + ed

Examples

die/ died visit /visited play /played marry /married

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Irregular verbs:

Examples

write/ wrote take/took go/went

The verb to be

I ,he she ,it, = (**was**) you we they =(**were**) (affirmative)

wasn't/weren't (negative)

Was I,he,she, it....? **Were** you, we,they.?(Interrogative)

The Affirmative form of the simple past:

I, you, he, she, it, we, they played.

Examples:

I played tennis with my friends yesterday.

.The interrogative form of the simple past:

Did I, you, he, she, it, we, they play tennis?

The negative form of the simple past:

- I, you, he, she, it, we, they did not/didn't play.
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- **Past Continuous**
- We often use the Past Continuous tense with the Past Simple tense. We use the Past Continuous to express a **long** action. And we use the Past Simple to express a **short** action that happens **in the middle** of the long action. We can join the two ideas with **when** or **while**.

EXAMPLES

Imane **was watching** TV when the light **went off**.

While she **was sleeping**, someone **knocked** at the door.

We use the past continuous for two actions that were happening at the same time in the past.

EXAMPLES

My mother **was cooking** dinner while I **was playing** computer games.

While we **were listening** to music my father **was repairing** his car.

Present perfect tense

Has/have + past participle

Affirmative: She has already eaten her dinner.

Negative: It Hasn't/has not rained yet.

Interrogative: Have you finished your exercise?

Where have you been lately

The Present Perfect is used:

1. When What is the time period has not finished

Example:

I have read three books this month (this month has not finished yet)

2. When the time is not mentioned

Example:

she has obtained a diploma. we should congratulate her.

3. When the time is recent

Example:

she has just got married

4. with time expressions like Already, just, yet, as soon as, never, ever, till now, up to now, recently,
– Since + point in time / for + duration

Examples

I have lived here **since** 1987.

I have lived here **for** 29 years