* **Present simple**
  + **Signals:**

**every day, often, always, sometimes, never**

* + **Examples:**

The sun **rises** in the east.

I **feel** empty/depressed.

My friend often **draws** nice posters.

The plane **flies** to London every Monday.

First I **get** up, then I **have** breakfast.

**Open** your books at page 34.

John is a doctor, today he **has** many patients.

* **Present continuous (Progressive)**
  + **Signals:**

**now, at the moment, Look!, Listen!**

* + **Examples:**

Peter is reading a book now.

We are going to Basel on Saturday.

I am working in Rome this month.

My friend is preparing for his exams.

More and more people are using their computers to listen to music.

Andrew is always coming late.

* **Past simple**
  + **Signals:**

**Yesterday, last week, a month ago, in 2010**

* + **Examples:**

Arabic was scientific language in the past.

I ate sandwich last night.

First I **got** up, then I **had** breakfast.

We **were** **watching** TV, when the telephone **rang**.

I used to eat 4 sugar cubes with cafe when I was 19.

* **Past continuous (Progressive)**
  + **Signals:**

**while**

* + **Examples:**

Which class were you at this morning from 9 to 10:30?

Peter **was** **reading** a book yesterday evening.

I **was** **writing** a letter while you **were** **reading** the novel.

Those days I was working on my proposal.

While we **were** **sitting** at the breakfast table, the telephone **rang**.

Mostafa **was** always **argu**ingwith me in university.

* **Present perfect**
  + **Signals:**

**Just, yet, never, already**

**ever, so far, up to now**

**recently, since, for**

* + **Examples:**

I haven’t met my professor via skype yet. (expectations)

Have you ever worked with python? = have you worked with python so far? (experiences)

We have been married for about 4 years. (till now)

Come and eat some. Thanks, I’ve just had a slice of cake. (recent actions)

I **have** **cleaned** my room. (result is in now)

* **Present perfect**
  + **Signals:**

**all day**

**the whole day**

**since**

**for**

**Questions with how long**

* + **Examples:**

I **have** **been** **waiting** for you for three hours. *(It was too long.)* (point of time/period of time)

She **has been** **watching** too many videos. *(It took too much time.)* (focus is on the action)