* **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. (past facts)

I **ate** sandwich last night. (past finished actions)

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

We **were** **watching**TV, when the telephone **rang**.­ (together with past continuous)

I **used to** eat 4 sugar cubes with cafe when I was 19. (past routines/ repetitive)

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

**while**

* + **Examples:**

Which class were you at this morning from 9 to 10:30? (action in some time period)

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. (temporary situation in the past)

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

Mostafa **was** always **arguing** with 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)

* **Past perfect**
  + **Signals:**
  + **Examples:**

When I **arrived** at the airport, the airplane **had** **taken off**. (action before another in past)

* **Past perfect Continuous**
  + **Signals:**
  + **Examples:**

He **had been** **talking** on the phone for minutes before he heard the shot. (continuous action before another in past)

* **Going to-Future**
  + **Signals:**
  + **Examples:**

We **are** **going to** **sing** at the party. (future plans and intensions)

Look at that car! It **is** **going to** **crash** into the yellow one. (prediction based on evidence)

* **Future Continuous**
  + **Signals:**
  + **Examples:**

I **will be** **recording** a movie tomorrow from 9 to 10. (future continuous action)

* **Will -Future** 
  + **Signals:**
  + **Examples:**

The sun **will** **shine** tomorrow. (actions happen without the speaker's intention)

I think Sue **will** **arrive** in Paris at 6 pm. (predictions, assumptions)

Hang on! I**'ll** **have** a word with you. (spontaneous actions)