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PRE-IELTS

Tense

All Tenses

	Simple	Continuous	Perfect	Perfect Continuous
Present	Present simple	Present Continuous	Present Perfect	Present perfect continuous
Past	Past Simple	Past Continuous	Past perfect	Past Perfect continuous
Future	Future simple	Future continuous	Future perfect	Future perfect continuous

Present Simple

I/you/We /They	He/she/ it
work live play Go Eat drink	Works Lives Plays Goes Eats drinks

❑ Form: Subject+ Verb(Present/V1)

❑ Habits routines

1. I **drink** coffee every morning
2. Safiya **goes** to the beach on Sundays.

❑ Facts

1. Birds fly.
2. The sky is blue.
3. Water **boils** at 100°C.

Frequency Expressions

Every	Morning, afternoon, day, week etc
On	Sundays, Fridays, Weekends
In	Spring, summer, winter
Once a	Day, week, month, year
Twice a	

Always
Usually
often
Sometimes
Occasionally
Seldom
Rarely
Never

Present Continuous

- Form : Subject + am / is / are + verb (-ing)

I	am
He/She/It	is
You/we/they	are


- Actions happening now (at the time of speaking)
 1. I am **drinking** a coffee right now.
 2. We are **having** breakfast.
 3. It is **raining** outside.

Present continuous

❑ Temporary activities

1. Afra **is learning** to play a guitar.
2. My sister **is staying** with us for a couple of weeks.

❑ Change taking place now

1. Make up tutorials on YouTube **are becoming** very popular these days.
 2. The price of oil **is falling** rapidly.
 3. Scientists say that the earth **is getting** warmer.
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Past simple

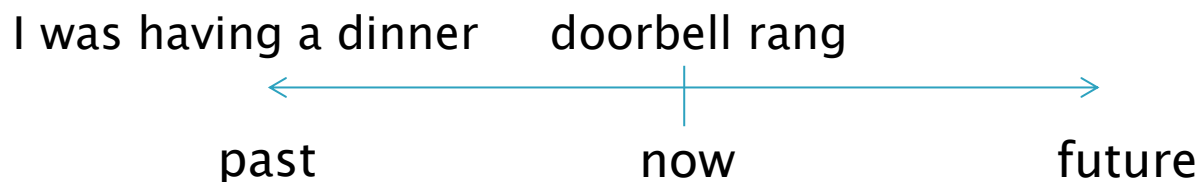
give	gave	given
eat	ate	eaten
build	built	built
go	went	gone

- ❑ Form: Subject+ Verb (Past/V2)
- ❑ Completed actions in the past
 1. I **played** football with my friends last Sunday.
 2. Neha **gave** us a present for our wedding anniversary.
 3. My grandfather **built** this house in 1988.
 4. Sojib **lived** in Canada for 5 years.

Past continuous

I/he/she/it	was
You/We/they	were

- ❑ Form: Subject+was/were+ verb (-ing)
- ❑ Unfinished, on-going action, interrupted in the past(+finished action – past simple)
 1. I **was having** dinner with my family when the doorbell **rang**.
 2. It **was raining** when priya **left** the work.
 3. The power **went out** when the children **were studying**.



Review

- Present simple

1. I **drink** coffee every morning.

- Present Continuous

1. I **am drinking** coffee right now.

- Past simple

1. I **drank** coffee yesterday.

- Past continuous

1. I **was drinking** coffee this morning when I **got** a phone call from my boss.

Present Perfect :

Structure: Sub + have/has + verb (past participle or v3)

I, you, we, they	Have
He, she, It	has

Experience that can be repeated:

- ▶ I have visited India twice. (In my life and I may visit again).
- I visited India twice when I was in the army. (that period of my life is over).
- ▶ We have shopped in this market. (We might do it again.)
- We shopped in this market last week. (Last week is over).

Present perfect :

Recent actions or events:

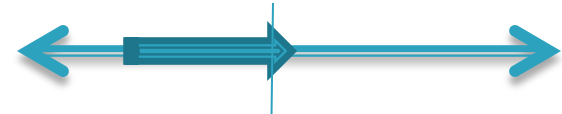
Present Perfect	Past simple
I have not eaten anything yet.	I did not eat anything in the morning.
I have seen that movie already.	I saw that movie last Friday.
Have they played the piano?	Did they play the Piano at the party?
Where have I left my keys?	Where did I leave my wallet last night?

In all of these sentences, **the specific time is not important.** But if you want to mention specific time, use past simple.

Present Perfect Continuous

Sub+ has/have been + Verb (-ing)

For	Amount of time
Since	Starting point



Action that started in the past and still continuing:

- ▶ You have been sitting in this class for 1 hour/since 3 pm.
- ▶ We have been living in Dhaka for 5 years/since 2017.
- ▶ We have been living in this area for a long time/since 1960.

- ▶ He has been sleeping all day. (fixed phrase)
- ▶ It has been raining all morning.(fixed phrase)

Note: We don't use for with fixed phrases.

Common phrases

With common phrases:

- ▶ **Common phrases** are **sounding** phrases in which the wording cannot be changed without **odd to native** speakers, even if the literal meaning is the same.

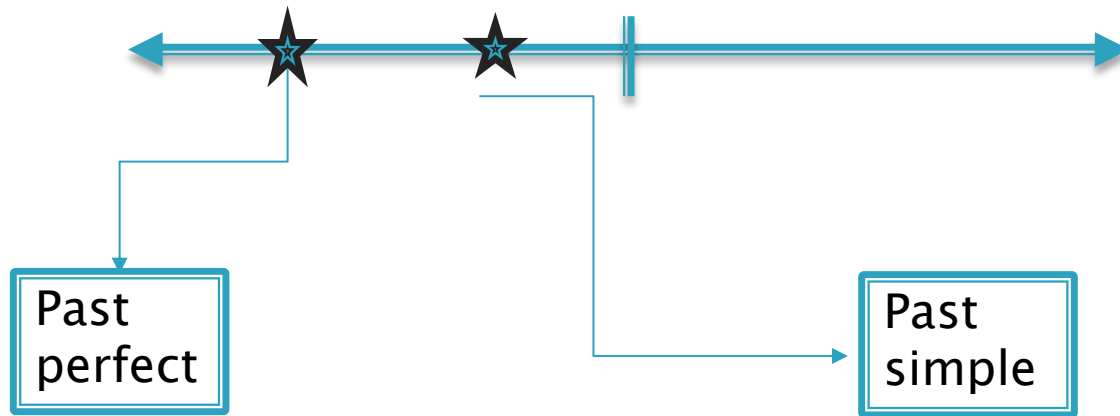
For example:

- ▶ Agree to disagree > Let's agree to disagree.
- ▶ In a nutshell (In a short clear way)> she put the matter in a nutshell
- ▶ Cats and dogs > It's raining cats and dogs.
- ▶ **All (morning, year, summer, winter etc.) > It's been raining all morning.**
- ▶ Cost an arm and a leg (extremely expensive) > The Rolex will cost him an arm and a leg.

Past Perfect

Sub+ had+ Verb (Past participle / v3)

Use: When there are two or more past actions, Past perfect is used to express the **first** past action.



Past Perfect

Examples:

- ▶ They lost the game because **they had not practiced enough.**
- ▶ I did not have any cash because **I had lost my purse.**
- ▶ My neighbor asked if **we had seen her dog.**
- ▶ I wished **I had told the truth.**

- ▶ The doctor came after **the patient had died.** (the doctor was late).
- ▶ **The Doctor had come** before the patient died. (the doctor was on time)

To show that **an action happened before a specific time in the past**

- ▶ She had established her company before 2008.
- I had fallen asleep before eight o'clock.

Future Simple

There are **3 ways** we use the future simple:

Will: Subject + Will + verb

Example:

1. I will have the large Pizza, Please. (Instant decision)
2. I will carry the bag for you. (offer)
3. I think the weather will get better tomorrow. (prediction)
4. I will return the book on Monday. (Promise)

Going to: Sub + am/is/are + going to + verb (Nonfinite Verb)

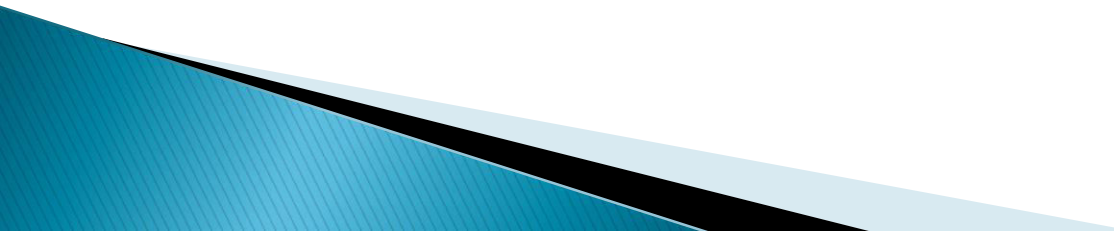
Example:

1. We are going to move to Canada. (Plan)
2. Look at the sky. It is going to rain soon (Prediction based on something we can see now).

Future Simple

We often use the **present continuous** to talk about the future.

For Example:

- ▶ I am taking my kids to Disney Land this weekend. (arrangement)
 - ▶ I am having dinner with my friends on Friday. (Fixed arrangement)
 - ▶ I am leaving for Dhaka in the morning.
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Future continuous

Sub + will be + verb (-ing)

Ongoing action in the future:

- ▶ At 4 pm tomorrow, I will be driving to Dhaka.
- ▶ I can't come the party. I will be working until late.

Fixed arrangement:

- ▶ I will be staying at the InterContinental Dhaka.
 - I am staying at the InterContinental Dhaka. (same meaning)
 - I am going to stay at the InterContinental Dhaka. (same meaning,)
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**Thank you for your
Attention**

See you in next class.