

# Resumo Inglês

## Present Simple

The present simple is used:

1. For describing routine actions or habits:
  - Before breakfast, I go online to check my emails. (It's my daily routine.)
2. To show that a situation is permanent:
  - His girlfriend teaches at a local primary school. (It's a permanent job.)
3. When something is always true, or a definite fact:
  - Water freezes at zero degrees Celsius. (It's a scientific fact.)

## Present Continuous

The present continuous is used:

1. To describe an action which is happening right at this moment:
  - The children are sleeping, so we can't talk too loudly. (They are sleeping right now.)
2. For a situation which is temporary, and will not last permanently:
  - We're staying with Jo while we look for a flat to rent. (We'll leave Jo's home when we find a flat.)
3. When talking about changes or developing situations:
  - The number of road accidents is increasing year by year. (The situation is getting worse.)
4. With always, when we want to show that we are annoyed or surprised by an action:
  - My brother is always borrowing my laptop without asking me. (This irritates me!)
5. For future arrangements:
  - I'm having dinner with Amy tomorrow night.

The present continuous cannot normally be used with stative verbs (belongs ✓ / is belonging ×).

## Past Simple

The past simple is used:

1. For past events or actions.
  - He closed the front door, locked it, and set off to work.



2. With a specific time.

- She wrote her first novel in 2001.

## Past Continuous

The past continuous is used for a continued action which was happening when another action took place.

In many cases, the continued action is interrupted.

- When he called, I was watching my favorite soap opera. (His call interrupted me.)

The past continuous cannot normally be used with stative verbs (rarely disagreed ✓ / were rarely disagreeing ×):

## Past Perfect

The past perfect is used to show that an action happened earlier than another past action.

Ex. The police were unaware that the attacker had already escaped. (The attacker escaped before the police realized.)

## Past Perfect Continuous

The past perfect continuous is used for a continued action which happened before another past action.

Ex: We'd been working so hard that we decided to take a break. (We took a break after a continued period of work.)

## Used to / Would

We use used to when we refer to things in the past which are no longer true. These things were a past habit which are not true anymore. It can refer to repeated actions or a state or situation.

- We didn't use to have a dog when we were kids, but now we have four.

We use would for actions or situations that were repeated many times, not states.

- I would always forget my homework until the teacher punished me.