

# IT1040 & EN1073

## Communication Skills

### Lecture 02

### Tenses Recap I

What does a '**tense**' mean?



It is the form of a **verb** which **indicates the time** of an action.

The term originates from the Latin word "tempus", which means "time".

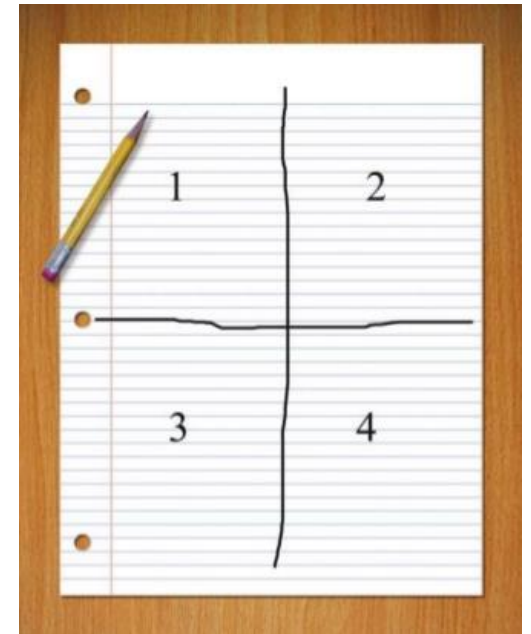
# Learning Outcomes

- Define the usages of present tenses
- Write the appropriate present tense form as per the context.



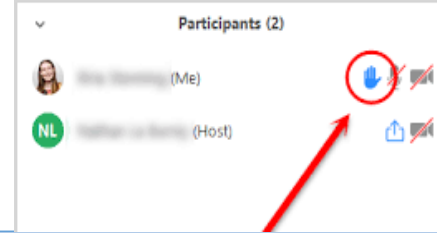
- Divide your notebook page into four quarters and write one sentence in each square describing:

- ✓ Something you do every day.
- ✓ What you are doing right now.
- ✓ Something you have experienced.
- ✓ Something you have been doing for a certain period of time.



# Simple Present Tense Usages

(Click on 'raise hand' icon if you know the reason for using simple present tense in each example.



- Do you **visit** your uncle every Sunday? **Repeated actions**
- He often **speaks** in French. **Habitual actions**
- New York **is** a small city. **Facts that are believed to be true**
- Sun **sets** from West. **Generalizations / General truths**
- The plane **takes off** at 10 o'clock tonight. **Scheduled events in near future**
- She **does not need** help right now. **With stative verbs though they indicate actions which are happening now**

**Structure :** **Assertive, Negative and Interrogative**

**every day, sometimes, always, frequently, often, usually,**

**Signal words:** **seldom, rarely, never, once a/an (hour, day, week, month, year)**

While watching the video, write down all the stative verbs mentioned in it.

(05 min)

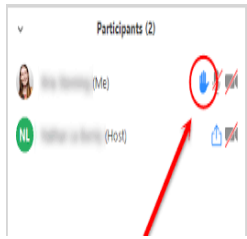
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p9M7FhSYcH4>

# Stative Verbs

[www.perfect-english-grammar.com](http://www.perfect-english-grammar.com)

# Present Progressive/Continuous Tense Usages

(Click on 'raise hand' icon if you know the reason for using simple present this tense in each example.



- You **are learning** English now. **Actions that are happening now / at the moment of speaking.**
- I **am reading** the book *Tom Sawyer* these days. **Actions which are in progress but not right now.**
- **Are you meeting** some friends after work?  
**Actions that will or will not happen in near future.**
- **Non continuous verbs/stative verbs are not used in this tense. They are put into Simple Present Tense:**  
She is ~~loving~~ this book. – She loves this book.

**Structure : Assertive, Negative and Interrogative**

**Signal words: now, currently, at the moment, look! , listen!**

# Present Perfect Tense Usages

(Click on 'raise hand' icon if you know the reason for using present perfect tense in these examples.)

## 01. Experiences



- Ex: I **have watched** that movie.

I **have been** to France.

I **have been** to France **three times**. (Adding the number of days is optional)

He **has never traveled** by train.

**Have** you **ever met** him?



(Click on 'raise hand' icon if you know the reason for using present perfect tense in these examples.)

## 02. Changes over time

Ex: The government **has become** more interested in physical education.

My English **has** really **improved** .

You **have grown up** since the last time I saw you. (Mentioning the time duration is optional. )

## 03. Accomplishments

Ex: I **have bought** a gift for my friend.

Doctors **have cured** many deadly diseases. (Time is not prioritized)

He **has studied** two foreign languages.

#### 04. Incomplete actions at present (\*Negative form)

Ex: He **has not (yet) finished** his homework.

The rain **hasn't stopped**.

(Click on 'raise hand' icon if you know the reason for using present perfect tense in these examples.)

#### 05. Multiple actions at different times in past. (More actions are possible in future)

Ex: I **have had** four quizzes and five tests **so far** this semester.

#### 06. Actions that have just ended or already done

Ex: He **has just/already completed** his assignment.

Structure : **Assertive, Negative and Interrogative**

Signal words: **Just ,yet ,never ,ever ,already ,so far , up to now , since**

# Present Perfect Continuous Tense Usages

(Click on 'raise hand' icon if you know the reason for using present perfect continuous tense in these examples.)

- They **have been talking** for the last two hours.
- He **has been teaching** at the university since June.
- She **has been working** a lot recently.

Actions which started in the past and continue till present. **Time duration is a must.**

Actions which started in the past and **have been happening lately.**

**Structure : (Assertive, Negative and Interrogative)**

**Signal words:** since, for, all morning, all day, lately, recently

# It's game time!



Are you ready to test how much you have understood?  
Then let's play this quiz. (15 min)

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**#IT1040**



## Tenses Recap I in Practice – PADLET

(15 min)

- First copy the Padlet link to your web browser
- Then, type your name
- Write a descriptive paragraph (06 – 08 sentences) using any of the given prompts. Incorporate **at least one example of each present tense, and underline them**. Begin your paragraph using one of the following topic sentences:
  - **A good leader possesses three main characteristics.**
  - **In order to be a successful student, one should do three things.**
  - **A smart phone has several important functions.**



<https://padlet.com/sankaja29/yywzb7fs7ok54hg3>

# References

- <http://www.really-learn-english.com/english-grammar-tenses.html>