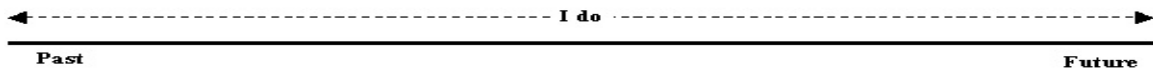


PRESENT INDEFINITE TENSE

S + V-I(S)

| Statements + | Statements - | Questions |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| I work. | I don't work. | Do I work? |
| He works. | He doesn't work. | Does he work? |



- ❖ For habits Eg. He drinks tea at breakfast. She only eats fish. They watch television regularly.
- ❖ For repeated actions or events: Eg. We catch the bus every morning. It rains every afternoon in the hot season. They go to Muree every summer.
- ❖ Note: The present indefinite tense is very often used with adverbs of repeated time. Eg. I always come to school by car. She frequently arrives here before me. He never forgets to do his homework.
- ❖ For general or scientific truths or facts Eg. Water freezes at zero degrees. The Earth revolves around the Sun. The President of The USA lives in The White House.

PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE

S + IS /AM/ARE + V-ING

| Statements + | Statements - | Questions |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| I'm working. | I'm not working. | Am I working? |
| He's working. | He isn't working. | Is he working? |



- ❖ An action that is going on at this moment: Eg. You are using the Internet. We are studying English grammar.
- ❖ An action or event in the future, which has already been planned or prepared: Eg. We're going on holiday tomorrow. I'm meeting my friends this week. Are they visiting you next winter?
- ❖ A temporary event or situation: Eg. He usually travels by car, but he's travelling by bus today.

PRESENT PERFECT TENSE

S + HAS/HAVE + V-III

| Statements + | Statements - | Questions |
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| I've worked. | I haven't worked. | Have I worked? |
| He's worked. | He hasn't worked. | Has he worked? |

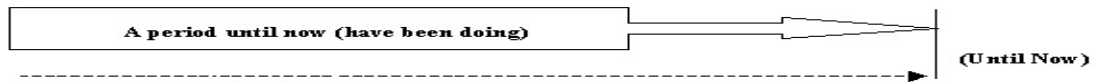


- ❖ Events that have just been completed at the moment of speaking. Eg. I have just reached here. They have arrived now.
- ❖ Past action still has an effect upon something happening in the present. Eg. The ground is wet; it has rained. The flood has devastated whole area.
- ❖ Action completed in unfinished time. Eg. We have taken exams this month. They have bought it today.
- ❖ An action when the time is not important. Eg. He has read 'War and Peace'
- ❖ A repeated action in an unspecified period between the past and now. Eg. We have visited Karachi several times.

The Present Perfect Continuous Tense

S + HAS/HAVE+BEEN +V-ING

| Statements + | Statements - | Questions |
|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| I've been working. | I haven't been working. | Have I been working? |
| He's been working. | He hasn't been working. | Has he been working? |



- ❖ Actions that started in the past and continue upto the present Eg. She has been waiting for you all day. I've been working on this report since eight o'clock this m`orning. They have been travelling since last October.