



Dear Olga,

Greetings from Brazil! 1) I've been here since Monday and 2) I am having a fantastic time at the Rio Carnival. 3) I love it here. The weather is wonderful and the atmosphere of the carnival is amazing. 4) I've been dancing every night in the streets to the samba music. 5) I've taken lots of photos of the amazing costumes to show you when I get back. Right now 6) I'm lying on the beach relaxing. Later 7) I'm having dinner at a local restaurant and then 8) I'm going back to the party.

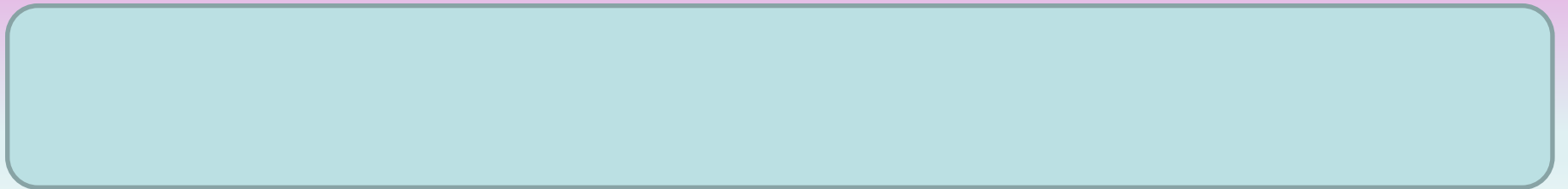
Wish you were here.

Claire

# Present Tenses

Grammar in Use

Our **objectives** for today are:





<b>Present</b>				
<b>Past</b>				
<b>Future</b>				



# Present Simple Tense

+ V(s/es)

- do/does not + V

? Do/Does + Subject + V

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Usage: :

- facts

*People need food.*

- routine and regular actions я

*We take a lunch break at 13.30 in the afternoon.*

- timetable/ programmes

*The play starts at 8.00.*

- habits

*He always takes a taxi to work.*

- reviews, sports casting

*Meryl Streep acts fantastic in this film.*

# Present Simple Tense

- + V(s/es)
- do/does not + V
- ? Do/Does+ Subject + V

## SIGNALS

*always, usually, often, sometimes,*

*every hour/ day/ week/ month/ summer / year,  
etc,*

*at night/ the weekend, on Fridays*

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# Adverbs of frequency

*always* – 100%

*usually* – 75%

*often* – 50%

*sometimes* – 25%

*never* – 0%

# Present Simple Tense

*Put the verbs in brackets into Present Simple*

1. My friend (to live) in St. Petersburg.
2. My cousin (not to live) in Moscow.
3. The children (to play) in the yard every day.
4. They (not to go) to the stadium on Monday.
5. She (to read) in the evening.
6. She (not to read) in the morning.
7. Your father (to work) at this factory?
8. You (to play) chess everyday?
9. You (to want) to see my father?
10. We always (to go) to the seaside.

# Present Continuous Tense

+ am, is, are + Ving

- am, is, are + not + Ving

? Am, is, are + Subject + Ving

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+ am, is, are + Ving

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? Am, is, are + Subject + Ving

## Usage:

- actions happening at the moment of speaking

*We are reading now.*

- actions happening around the moment of speaking

- fixed plans in the near future

- запланированные действия в будущем

- changing and developing situation

- меняющаяся и развивающаяся ситуация

- expression of irritation

- выражение состояния раздражения

*She is always loosing her keys.*

# Present Continuous Tense

- + am, is, are + Ving
- am, is, are + not + Ving
- ? Am, is, are + Subject + Ving

## SIGNALS

*now, at the moment, at present, nowadays,  
these days, today, tomorrow, next month, etc*

# Present Continuous Tense

*Put the verbs in brackets into Present Continuous*

1. The children (to eat) soup now.
2. The children (to eat) soup now?
3. The children (not to eat) soup now.
4. Look! Kate (to dance).
5. Nina (not to sleep) now.
6. My sister (not to eat) sweets now.
7. I (to write) an exercise now.
8. I (not to wear) jeans now.
9. Your friend (to do) his homework now?
10. What your sister (to do) now?

# Present Perfect Tense

+ have/has+ Ved

- have/has + not + Ved

? Have/has + Subject + Ved

# Present Perfect Tense

+ have/has + Ved

- have/has + not + Ved

+ have/has + Subject + Ved

Usage:

- *for something that happened in the past but is important in the present*

*I can't get in the house. I've lost my keys.*

- *about our experience up to the present*

*I have seen this film before.*

# Present Perfect Tense

+ have/has + Ved

- have/has + not + Ved

? Have/has + Subject + Ved

## SIGNALS

*just, already, yet, ever, never, for, since, recently*

*today, this morning/afternoon/week, so far*

# Present Perfect Tense

*Put the verbs in brackets into Present Perfect*

1. He ..... (never/fly) in a Concorde.
2. He ..... (never/try) sushi.
3. It's the first time we ..... (ever/visit) an old castle
4. Why ..... (you/not/finish) your homework yet?
5. She ..... (already/receive) four faxes so far.
6. He ..... (not/see) him recently.
7. The cat is not hungry. I ..... (just/feed) it.
8. She ..... (not/find) her bag yet.
9. .... (Jane/get) a job yet?

# Present Perfect Continuous Tense

- + have/has been + Ving
- have/has + not + been + Ving
- ? Have/has + Subject + been +  
Ving

# Present Perfect Continuous Tense

+ have/has been + Ving

- have/has + not + been + Ving

? Have/has + Subject + been + Ving

Usage:

- to emphasise that something is still continuing in the present:

*I have been studying English for six years.*

- about action that started in the past and stopped recently. There is usually a result now:

настоящем

*I'm tired because I've been running.*

# Present Perfect Continuous Tense

- + have/has been + Ving
- have/has + not + been + Ving
- ? Have/has + Subject + been + Ving

**SIGNALS**

*for, since, how long*

# Present Perfect Continuous Tense

*Put the verbs in brackets into Present Perfect Continuous*

1. He (work) here for many years.
2. 2. I (live) in New York two years.
3. I (wait) here for ten minutes.
4. What you (look for) all this time?
5. I (try) to reach you by telephone for an hour.
6. They (talk) for more than twenty minutes.
7. Henry (work) at the post office since 2004.
8. I (try) to get a god job for many months now.
9. Are you writing a letter? How long you (write)  
and when will you have finished it?



**b** Match the verb forms in the postcard to their uses.

- a fixed arrangement in the near future (x2)
- an action happening now
- a temporary situation
- an action completed recently
- an expression of feeling
- an action which started in the past and continues to the present
- an action which started in the past and continues to the present with emphasis on duration

What are these tenses in your language?

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The people below like doing different things. Look at the table and, in pairs, ask and answer questions, as in the example.

Name	How long	How many
David Smith	write songs/4 years	write/40 songs
Susan Jameson	play tennis/2004	play/100 matches
Sally Hill	collect stamps/2 years	collect/200 stamps
Daniel Johnson	take pictures/2006	take 500/pictures

- ▶ A: *How long has David been writing songs?*  
B: *He has been writing songs for four years.*  
A: *How many songs has he written so far?*  
B: *He has written 40 songs.*

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Put the verbs in brackets into the correct *present tense*.

1 A: Why are your clothes dirty?

B: Because I **have been working** in the garden all morning.

2 A: Why are you upset?


B: Because I ... **have lost** my car keys.

3 A: Would you like some homemade cake?

B: Yes, please. It **smells** (smell) delicious.

4 A: Are you busy?

B: Yes. I **have been working** on this project all day and I **still have not finished** (still/not finish).



5 A: Who **has been using** my MP3 player?

B: I have.

6 A: What's that noise?

B: Jason . **is having** a birthday party.

7 A: What **do people wear** on Remembrance Day?

B: A little red paper poppy.

8 A: **Have you found** a dress for the prom night?

B: Unfortunately, not yet.

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Put the verbs in brackets into the correct present tense. Give reasons.

- 1 A: When **does the parade start**)?  
B: It **starts** at 11 o'clock so we **are meeting** at 10:30.
- 2 A: Tim **looks** tired. **Is he having** a tough time?  
B: Yes, and he **'s thinking** of taking a week off.
- 3 A: **Have you ever attended** a music festival?  
B: Actually, I **am going** to the U2 concert this Sunday.
- 4 A: You look exhausted. What **have you been doing?**  
B: **have been digging** in the garden since morning.
- 5 A: Why **are you smelling** the candy floss?  
B: It **smells** nice and it **reminds** me of when I was young.



**Good  
job!!**