

Present Simple Tense

1. For habits and routines.

- *Bob **works** for his Uncle.*

2. For permanent situations and general facts.

- *Smoking **helps** you die faster.*

3. Present action happening one after another.

- *First Colin **plays** computer games a little, then he **does** his homework and after that he usually **works out**.*

4. Future action. Timetable we cannot change.

- *That performance **starts** at 8 sharp.*

Present Continuous Tense

1. For events happening now or around now.

- *It's raining, but he's playing football. He's a real fan.*
- *I'm revising for my exams.*

2. For temporary actions.

- *Jim's helping in his Dad's company this summer.*

3. For changing situations.

- *The population of China is rising very fast.*

4. For future actions that are planned and arranged.

- *We're having dinner next Friday at 6.*

5. For annoying habits (usually with 'always').

- *OMG, Charlie! You are always breaking something!*

Present Perfect Simple Tense

1. For unfinished action or situations (How long..?, for, since).
 - *I've known Jane for 6 years.*
2. To talk about life experience (often with 'ever', 'never').
 - *I've never tried bungee jumping.*
3. For actions or situations in the past that have a result/ consequence in the present.
 - *He has missed the bus, so he'll be late.*
4. With unfinished "time word".
 - *We've seen Lucy this week.*