

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.*