

TENSES



REVISION

Present



- Present simple
- Present continuous

Present simple



- **FORM**
- He works
- Question:
- Does he work?
- Negative:
- He does not (doesn't) work

Present Simple



- **Functions:**
- To talk about things in general:
- Nurses look after patients in hospitals
- To say how often we do things:
- I get up at 7 o'clock every morning
- In summer John plays tennis once a week.

Present simple:



- Verbs not normally used in continuous tenses: like, love, hate, want, need, prefer, realise, suppose, mean, understand, believe, remember, belong, contain, consist, depend, seem
- *Do you understand what I mean?*

Present continuous



- **FORM**
- Present of the verb to be + -ing
- He is reading
- Question
- Is he reading?
- Negative
- He is not reading

Present continuous:



- **FUNCTIONS**

- Action happening at the time of speaking:

- *Let's go now. It isn't raining any more.*

- Action happening in a period around the time of speaking:

- *Is Susan working this week?*

- *Is your English getting better?*

Past



- Past simple
- Past continuous

Past simple



- **FORMS**
- **I went out yesterday.**
- **Question:**
- **Did you go out yesterday?**
- **Negative:**
- **I did not (didn't) go out yesterday.**

Past simple



- **FUNCTIONS**
- Action completed in the past:
- *Mozart wrote more than 600 pieces of music*

Past continuous



- Was/were + ing
- *She was reading*
- Question
- *Was she reading?*
- Negative
- *She was not (wasn't) reading.*

Past continuous



- **FUNCTIONS**
- Limited duration
- This time last year I was living in Brazil
- Action which was interrupted by another action in the past
- I was watching TV when the phone rang.

Present perfect



- **FORM**
- **Have + -ed**
- ***I have finished.***
- **Question:**
- ***Have you finished?***
- **Negative**
- ***I have not (haven't) finished.***

Present perfect



- **FUNCTION**
- **Action in the past has a result now:**
 - *I've lost my key.*
- **Action started in the past and continued until now:**
 - *I have lived here for 15 years.*

Present perfect



- Just, already:
- I have just arrived. He's already gone.
- Yet (questions, negatives)
- Has it stopped raining yet?
- I haven't posted it yet.

Present perfect



- Today; This morning/afternoon/evening (year, month, week)
- *I've seen him today*
- *Have you been there this year?*

Present perfect continuous



- **FORM**
- **Have + been + -ing**
- *He has been waiting*
- **Question**
- *Has he been waiting?*
- **Negative**
- *He has not (hasn't) been waiting*

Present perfect continuous



- Activity that has recently stopped or just stopped
- *It has been raining. (The ground is wet)*
- Activity is still happening
- *It has been raining for two hours.*

Present perfect continuous vs. Present perfect simple



- Present perfect continuous: focus on activity
- *My hands are very dirty. I've been repairing the car.*
- Present perfect simple: focus on result.
- *My car is o.k. now. I've repaired it.*

Past perfect



- **FORM:**
- **HAD + -ED (Past participle)**
- ***I didn't know who she was. I had never seen her before.***

Past perfect



- **FUNCTION**
- **Action which happened before another action in the past**
- *When Sarah arrived, Paul wasn't there. He had gone home.*



- A great deal of care _____ (need, passive) to get insight into one's real needs and ensure that the second spouse _____ (not choose, passive) on the basis of needs which _____ (repeat, future) the difficulties of the first.

EXERCISE



- Use the past tense forms to complete the sentences
- Accuse, acquit, arrest, award, confess, charge, drop, engage, fine, grant, imprison, plead, release, seize, serve

Accuse, acquit, arrest, award, confess, charge, drop, engage, fine,
grant, imprison, plead, release, seize, serve



- 1. After six hours of questioning the accused man _____.
- 2. The government _____ an amnesty to all political prisoners.
- 3. Her boss _____ her of stealing \$250.
- 4. The secret police _____ him for six months in a high security jail.

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- 5. We ____ the best commercial lawyer we could find to represent us but we still lost the case.
- 6. The prisoner ____ guilty to all charges.
- 7. On 12 August they ____ with murder.
- 8. The policeman stopped the car and ____ the driver.

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- 9. The president _____ the opposition leader from prison.
- 10. The court _____ him \$2,500 for obtaining money by false pretences.
- 11. After consideration, the palintiff _____ the case against his neighbour.
- 12. The customs _____ the shipment of books.

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- 13. He _____ six months in a local prison.
- 14. The court _____ the plaintiff \$75 in damage plus costs.
- 15. Two of the men were sent to prison, but the judge _____ the third.

Key



- 1. confessed 2 granted, 3 accused, 4. imprisoned, 5 engaged, 6 pleaded, 7 charged, 8 arrested, 9 released, 10 fined, 11 dropped, 12 seized, 13 served, 14. awarded, 15 acquitted

Advise, appeal, commit, disclaim, disclose, embezzle, establish, follow, impose, legislate, manipulate, offer, preclude, prevent, value



- 1. He ___ all knowledge of the robbery until \$250,000 in cash was found in his house.
- 2- He is ___ us \$100,000 for the house, which is \$10,000 less than we wanted.
- 3. He says he's innocent and he's going to ___ to the supreme court against the decision.
- 4. He was sent to prison for six months for ___ his clients' money.

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- 5. I believe that they are _____ the accounts to make the company look more profitable.
- 6. In my opinion they'll _____ the business at about \$2m
- 7. Our solicitor has _____ to take the documents to the police.
- 8. Parliament has _____ against the sale of drugs.
- 9. The bank has no right to _____ details of my account to the tax office.

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- 10. The business was _____ in 1881.
- 11. The court has _____ the precedent set in the 1972 case.
- 12. The magistrate _____ a fine of \$150.
- 13. The gang had _____ six robberies before they were caught.

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- 14. They have changed the locks on the building to _____ the former managing director from going in.
- 15. This agreement does not _____ further agreements between these parties in the future.

Key



- . Disclaimed 2. offering 3. appeal 4. embezzling 5
manipulating 6. value 7. advised 8. legislated 9.
disclose 10. established 11. followed 12. imposed 13.
committed 14. prevent 15. preclude

Arrange, blackmail, convict, corroborate, exonerate, find, forfeit, infringe, overturn, prohibit, promise, recover, refrain, sentence, sue



- 1. He was asked to give an undertaking to ___ from political activity.
- 2. My client intends to appeal and I am sure that a higher court will ___ this sentence.
- 3. I can ___ Mr Waterman's alibi. At the time of the theft I saw him in Brighton.
- 4. The judge ___ him to three years' imprisonment.

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- 5. After the accident he _____ the company for \$50,000 in damages.
- 6. She was _____ of manslaughter and sent to prison for eight years.
- 7. If you decide not to buy you will _____ your 25% deposit.
- 8. The court has _____ him guilty on all charges.

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- 9. We believe that this production _____ our copyright as detailed below.
- 10. The company went out of business and the original investment was never _____.
- 11. We discovered that his secretary was _____ him with certain details about his private life.
- 12. You _____ to pay by August and it's now September. What's your explanation?

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- 13. The law _____ the sale of alcohol to minors.
- 14. All the files are _____ in alphabetical order, so it's very easy to find.
- 15. The judge _____ the driver from all responsibility for the accident.

Key



- 1. refrain 2. overturn 3. corroborate, 4. sentenced, 5. sued, 6. convicted 7. forfeit 8. found 9. infringes 10. recovered 11. blackmailing 12. promised 13. prohibits 14. arranged 15. exonerated