

# Lesson 13

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# Present Simple / Present Continuous



Why *are you standing* in the rain, Sam? People *don't* usually *stand* in the rain. They can catch a cold.

I *know* that Mum but Dad says *it's raining* cats and dogs today and I *want* to catch a little puppy.



## Present Simple употребляется:

- для постоянных ситуаций.  
She **works** in an office.
- для повторяющихся или привычных действий в настоящем, особенно с наречиями частотности.  
He often **buys** her flowers.
- для общеизвестных истин и законов природы.  
The Sun **sets** in the west.
- в расписаниях или программах.  
The lesson **starts** at 10 o'clock.

## Present Continuous употребляется:

- для временных ситуаций.  
He's **looking** for a new job these days.
- действий, происходящих в момент речи или близко к моменту речи.  
Chris **is painting** the garage at the moment.
- с *always*, чтобы выразить раздражение или критику. He's **always telling** lies!
- для четко спланированных действий на ближайшее будущее. I'm **flying** to London **tomorrow**. (Все уже подготовлено, куплен билет. Время действия всегда указано или понятно говорящим.)



## Обстоятельства времени с present simple

usually, always, never, often, sometimes, every day / week / month / year, on Mondays / Tuesdays, in the morning / afternoon / evening, at night / the weekend, etc.

## Обстоятельства времени с present continuous

now, at the moment, at present, this week / month, these days, today, tonight, tomorrow, next week, etc.

## Наречия частотности

**Наречия частотности** (often, always, rarely/seldom, etc.) **ставятся перед смысловыми, но после вспомогательных/модальных глаголов** (be, have, can, will, must, shall, etc.)

He **often goes** to the theatre. He **is never** late. Tonia **doesn't usually go** to bed late.



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Put the verbs in brackets into the *present simple* or the *present continuous*.

1 A: *Do you want* (you/want) to come over tonight to play computer games?

B: Sorry, I can't. I ..... (go) to the cinema with some friends from school.

2 A: ..... (Ann/talk) on the phone?

B: No, she ..... (do) her homework right now.

3 A: How often ..... (you/go) swimming?

B: Three times a week.

4 A: Bob and Sophie ..... (study) hard these days.

B: Yes, I know. They ..... (want) to pass their exams.

5 A: I'm so happy Jim! My parents and I ..... (go) on holiday next week.

B: That's great! Where ..... (you/go)?

6 A: How long ..... (it/take) to travel to London by plane?

B: About three hours.



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Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form of the *present continuous* or the *present simple*.



Hi Marvin,

I 1) *'m writing* (write) this letter from Portugal. I

2) ..... (be) on holiday here with my family and we 3) ..... (have) a great time.

Right now, I 4) ..... (lie) on the beach. My little brother

5) ..... (play) on the sand with his toys and my mother

6) ..... (watch) him. My dad 7) ..... (swim) in the sea.

I just love it here. We 8) ..... (get up) late every day and

9) ..... (spend) most of our time sunbathing.

This afternoon we 10) ..... (go) into town to do a little sightseeing.

Then my parents 11) ..... (take) us to a nice restaurant. They

12) ..... (want) us to try the local cuisine. I hope it tastes good!

Well, that's all for now. See you when I get back!

Take care,

Wendy



## Глаголы состояния

Некоторые глаголы не употребляются во временах continuous. Это глаголы, выражающие постоянное состояние: **appear** (= seem), **be**, **believe**, **belong**, **cost**, **feel**, **forget**, **hate**, **have** (= possess), **know**, **like**, **love**, **mean**, **need**, **prefer**, **realise**, **remember**, **see**, **seem**, **smell**, **sound**, **suppose**, **taste**, **think**, **understand**, **want**, etc.

I **understand** it now. ~~HE I am understanding~~ it now.

Часть из них может употребляться во временах continuous, но в ином значении.

### Present Simple

I **think** he's Italian.

(= believe/полагаю)

Katie **looks** happy.

(= appears to be/выглядит)

You can **see** the sea from my room.

(= it is visible/это видно)

Derek **has** a new car.

(= possesses/имеет)

This pie **tastes** really good.

(= It has a really good flavour/имеет вкус)

This new dress **fits** her perfectly.

(= it is her size/ее размер)

He **is** so polite.

(= that's his character/У него такой характер)

She **appears** to be tired.

(= seems/кажется)

### Present Continuous

Tom **is thinking** of moving house.

(= is considering/обдумывает)

They **are looking** at the paintings.

(= are taking a look at/смотрят на)

Sam **is seeing** his friends tonight.

(= is meeting/встречается)

We **are having** dinner at 8 o'clock.

(= are eating/обедают)

Paul **is tasting** the soup to see if it needs salt.

(= is trying/пробует на вкус)

He **is fitting** a new lock on the door.

(= is attaching/прикрепляет)

He **is being** so rude today!

(= he is behaving like that only today/ведет себя так только сегодня)

She **is appearing** in a new TV show.

(= is taking part/принимает участие)



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Put the verbs in brackets into the *present simple* or the *present continuous*.

1 A: I ..... *see* ..... (see) you still have a toothache.

B: Yes, I do. Actually, I .....  
..... (see) my dentist later.

2 A: I .....  
(think) of visiting Jim this afternoon.

B: Don't bother. I .....  
..... (think) he's on a business trip.

3 A: Why .....  
(Greg/be) so rude today?

B: I have no idea. He .....  
..... (be) usually very polite.

4 A: Why ..... (you/taste) the sauce? Does it need more pepper?

B: No. It .....  
..... (taste) great the way it is.

5 A: Why .....  
..... (you/smell) the milk?

B: Because it .....  
(smell) off. We should throw it away.

6 A: I see you .....  
..... (have) a new mobile phone.

B: Yes, but I ..... (have) trouble understanding how it works.



**24** Underline the correct item.

- 1 The children are having / have so much fun at the circus!
- 2 Fiona is looking / looks at some photos.
- 3 This jacket is fitting / fits you perfectly.  
You should buy it.

- 4 Ron is wanting / wants to become a pilot.
- 5 I am not understanding / don't understand the meaning of that word.
- 6 He is loving / loves playing football.
- 7 I am thinking / think of buying a new CD.



# Past Simple / Present Perfect





## Past Simple: глагол + ed

**Past Simple** используется, когда:

- действие произошло в указанное время в прошлом.  
He **sold** his car two weeks ago.  
(Когда? Две недели назад.)
- говорим о состоянии/привычках в прошлом.  
When he **was** young, he **lived** in a small flat.
- действия в прошлом следовали одно за другим.  
She **put on** her coat, **took** her bag and **left** the house.
- действие было в прошлом и больше не повторится.  
I once **spoke** to Princess Diana.  
(Я ее больше не увижу; она умерла.)

## Present Perfect: have + причастие прош.вр.

**Present Perfect** используется, когда:

- действие произошло в неуставленное время в прошлом.  
He **has sold** his car. (Когда? Мы не знаем.)
- действие завершилось так недавно, что видны его результаты в настоящем.  
He **has just painted** the room. (Краска еще мокрая.)
- говорим о личном опыте.  
He **has tried** skydiving.
- действие началось в прошлом и продолжается до сих пор.  
She **has lived** in this house for two years.  
(Она все еще живет в этом доме.)  
**НО** He **lived** in Australia for one year.  
(Он сейчас не живет в Австралии.)
- действие произошло в прошлом и может снова повториться.  
I've **met** Leona Lewis.  
(Я, возможно, ее встречу; она еще жива.)



## Обстоятельства времени с Past Simple

yesterday, last week / month / year /  
Monday, etc., ago, how long ago, just  
now, then, when, in 2000, etc.

## Обстоятельства времени с Present Perfect

just, ever, never, always, already, yet, for, since,  
so far, how long, lately, recently, today, this  
week / month / year, once, several times, etc.

### Внимание:

**Since** – момент начала действия.

I've known Ann **since** October.

**For** - период времени.

I've known Mary **for** two months.

**Yet** - в вопросах и отрицаниях.

Have you met him **yet**? I haven't met him **yet**.

**Already** - в утверждениях и вопросах.

I've **already** posted the letters.

**Just** + present perfect

I've **just called** the doctor.

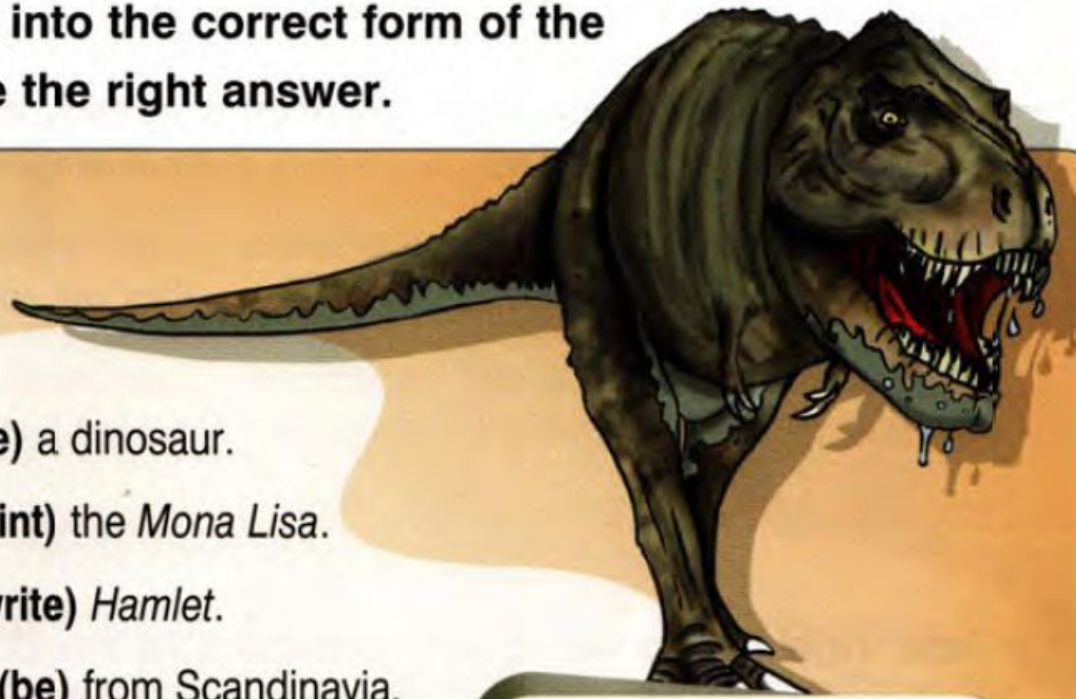
**Just now** + past simple.

He **left just now**.



3 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form of the past simple. Then choose the right answer.

# QUIZ



- 1  It ..... *was* ..... (be) a dinosaur.
- 2  He ..... (paint) the *Mona Lisa*.
- 3  He ..... (write) *Hamlet*.
- 4  They ..... (be) from Scandinavia.
- 5  He ..... (invent) the telephone.
- 6  They ..... (make) their first flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.
- 7  He ..... (become) the first astronaut to travel to outer space.
- 8  It ..... (begin) in 1939.
- 9  They ..... (discover) polonium and radium.

- a Alexander Graham Bell
- b The Wright brothers
- c Pierre and Marie Curie
- d William Shakespeare
- e Tyrannosaurus Rex
- f Yuri Gagarin
- g The Vikings
- h Leonardo da Vinci
- i World War II



**4** Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form of the *past simple* as in the example:

1 A: What 1) ..... *did you do* ..... (you/do) last night?

B: I 2) ..... (go) to the cinema.

A: What film 3) ..... (you/see)?

B: *The Pink Panther II*.

2 A: Why 1) ..... (not/Emily/come) to Terry's party yesterday?

B: She 2) ..... (have) to study for an exam.

3 A: I 1) ..... (read) the book you 2) ..... (give) me about dinosaurs.

B: 3) ..... (you/like) it?

A: Yes. It 4) ..... (be) very interesting.

4 A: Where 1) ..... (you/spend) your summer holidays?

B: We 2) ..... (go) to Jamaica.

A: Really? What 3) ..... (it/be) like?

B: Great!



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Use the *past simple* form of the verbs in the list to fill in the gaps in the following sentences. Which sentences refer to:

- actions which happened at a specific time in the past
- past habits
- people who are no longer alive
- actions which happened one after the other in the past

be

play

catch

spend

walk

buy

1 Shelly ... *caught* ... the bus to school yesterday. *action which happened at a specific time in the past*

2 Heath Ledger ..... a talented actor. ....

3 They left the cinema and ..... to the train station. ....

4 Mark and his band ..... at the concert hall last Saturday. ....

5 My father ..... every summer in the countryside when he was a boy. ....

6 Larry ..... computer games yesterday afternoon. ....



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James is in Monaco with his family. Write what he *has* or *hasn't done*.



- ~~visit the Oceanographic Museum~~ ✓
- take lots of photos ✓
- see the Opera de Monte-Carlo ✗
- buy souvenirs for his friends ✗
- visit the Prince's Palace ✗
- walk along the harbour ✓

- 1 *James has visited the Oceanographic Museum.*
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....

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In pairs, ask and answer about Anna and yourself as in the example:

	meet a famous person	cook a foreign meal	have a bad dream	visit a foreign country	be on a roller coaster
Anna	never	once	several times	recently	many times
You					

- A: *Has Anna ever met a famous person?*
- B: *No, she has never met a famous person.*



6 Listen and repeat. Then act out.



## have gone to / have been to / have been in

He's **gone to** London. (Он еще не вернулся. Он все еще в Лондоне.)

He's **been to** Paris once. (Он был в Париже. Он вернулся.) (Present Perfect глагола *to go*)

I've **been in** Athens for a month. (Я в Афинах.) (Present Perfect глагола *to be*)



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Fill in the gaps with: *has / have gone to, has / have been to or has / have been in.*

- 1 You can't see Tom before Wednesday. He .... *has gone to* .... Denmark for a few days on business.
- 2 My sister ..... Bristol for two months now.
- 3 Wendy isn't here at the moment. She ..... the supermarket to buy some milk and eggs.
- 4 The Miltons ..... Sweden twice.
- 5 Greg and Terry ..... the park to play football. They'll be back by 6 o'clock.
- 6 Jenny's brother ..... hospital since Monday.
- 7 ..... you ever ..... the opera?
- 8 Jim ..... the cinema. He left an hour ago.



11 Put the verbs in brackets into the *present perfect* or the *past simple*.

# Did you know?

1 Victoria Falls ..... *has been* ..... (be) a popular tourist attraction for many years.

2 In 1855, David Livingstone, a Scottish explorer, ..... (name) the falls after Queen Victoria.

3 The African government ..... (open) two national parks near the falls to protect wild animals.

4 The Victoria Falls Bridge is one of the most famous bridges in the world. It ..... (take) just 14 months to build and ..... (be) ready in April, 1905.

5 Over 50,000 people ..... (try) bungee jumping off the Victoria Falls Bridge so far.





**12** Put the verbs in brackets into the *present perfect* or the *past simple*.

1 A: ... *Have you ever been* .....

**(you/ever/go)** to India?

B: Yes, I .....

**(go)** there last summer.

2 A: .....

**(you/speak)** to Chloe?

B: No, she .....

**(go)** to the post office. She .....

..... **(not/come)** back yet.

3 A: .....

**(you/ever/eat)** Mexican food?

B: Yes, I .....

**(try)** it for the first time last week.

4 A: I ..... **(go)** to the

new cinema yesterday.

B: It's nice, isn't it? I .....

..... **(go)** there a few times.

5 A: I .....

..... **(not/see)** Sam for a long time.

B: Really? He .....

**(be)** at the swimming pool this morning.

6 A: .....

**(you/do)** your project, Chris?

B: Yes, Mum. I .....

..... **(finish)** it an hour ago.



**13** Fill in the gaps with time adverbs or expressions from the list below:

- ago
- how long
- for
- how long ago
- ever
- already
- so far
- just
- since (x2)
- yet
- just now

- 1 They got married a month ..... *ago* .....
- 2 He hasn't called us .....
- 3 I've had this car ..... a year.
- 4 Tim isn't here. He's .....  
gone out.
- 5 She's typed three letters .....
- 6 Has Camila ..... lied to you?
- 7 ..... have you been in Rome?

- 8 I've studied Maths ..... 2006.
- 9 I've ..... been to that new  
restaurant. It's really nice.
- 10 ..... did he move house?
- 11 The boss came .....
- 12 Peter has been here .....  
5 o'clock.



A: Hi, Sarah. I 1) ... *haven't seen* ...

(not/see) you for a long time. Where

2) ..... (you/be)?

B: I 3) ..... (go) to China

to teach English.

A: Wow! How 4) ..... (be)

it?

B: Very nice! I 5) ..... (stay)

in Beijing and 6) ..... (teach) eight-year-old children.

A: How 7) ..... (you/find) teaching them?

B: Great! The children 8) ..... (be) clever and 9) .....

(learn) very quickly. What 10) ..... (you/be) up to?

A: Nothing as interesting as that! I 11) ..... (just/finish) my exams.

B: That's good. Do you have any plans for the summer?

A: Yes, I 12) ..... (buy) a ticket to Italy. I'm planning to stay with

my cousin, Sabrina, for a month.

B: That's great! Sabrina is a lot of fun. I'm sure you'll have a great time. Don't forget to send

me a postcard.

A: Okay! Take care. Speak to you when I get back.





**16** Put the verbs in brackets into the *past simple* or the *present perfect*.

1 A: Last night I ..... *saw* ..... (see) the latest *James Bond* film.

B: Oh, I ..... (already/see) it twice.

2 A: Do you know that Mrs Jones ..... (work) here for sixteen years?

B: I thought she ..... (start) working here ten years ago.

3 A: ..... (you/ever/meet) anyone famous?

B: Yes, last summer I ..... (sit) next to Brad Pitt on a plane to LA.

4 A: How long ago ..... (you/start) painting?

B: Ten years ago. I ..... (recently/complete) a painting that the National Gallery ..... (ask) me to do a year ago.



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Put the verbs in brackets into the *past simple* or the *present perfect*.

Dear Tina,

Hi! How are you? I'm having such a great time here in Singapore. The city is so clean and the people are very kind and helpful!

We 1) *have been* (be) here for three days now and we 2) ..... (do) something different each day. On Monday, we 3) ..... (go) to the shops in Singapore's Chinatown. I 4) ..... (buy) souvenirs for my friends and some CDs for me. On Tuesday, we 5) ..... (go) on a riverboat tour on the Singapore River. It 6) ..... (be) fantastic! Yesterday, we 7) ..... (visit) Singapore Botanic Gardens. We 8) ..... (see) many beautiful, exotic flowers and plants.

There are still a couple of things we 9) ..... (not/do) yet. We 10) ..... (not/visit) the Jurong Bird Park yet and we 11) ..... (not/go) to the Singapore Zoo. We're going there tomorrow. I can't wait to see the white Bengal tigers!

Singapore is a beautiful city! I 12) ..... (already/take) so many lovely photographs and I can't wait for you to see them when I get back.

See you next week.

Lots of love,

May







## Speaking Activity

*(Asking about experiences)*

In pairs, ask and answer questions using the ideas below as in the example:

- ride a camel
- fly in a helicopter
- sleep in a tent
- go scuba diving
- win a competition
- see a famous person
- be on TV
- try sushi
- cook pasta

A: Have you ever ridden a camel?

A: Yes, I have.

B: Really? When was that?

B: No, I haven't. Have you?

A: Last summer, etc.





