

2. Signal words

Simple Present	Present Progressive	Present Perfect	Present Perfect Progressive
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•every day•sometimes•always•often•usually•seldom•never•first ... then	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•now•at the moment•Look!•Listen!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•just•yet•never•ever•already•so far•up to now•since•for•recently	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•all day•the whole day•how long•since•for

Present Simple

- REGULAR HABITS or routines.
- Permanent situations, scientific facts or general truths.
- Personal facts or preferences
- State verbs (non-progressive verbs)
- Timetables, headlines, jokes.

Signal Words:

always, never, usually, sometimes, often, hardly ever, seldom, rarely, on the whole; on Tuesdays, in the mornings, at night, on Saturday afternoon, in summer, at New Year's Eve; every... (day/Saturday/August/winter); once a... / twice a... / three times a... (day/month/year)

Present Continuous

- Actions HAPPENING NOW or around now.
- Temporary actions.
- Actions in progress.
- Annoying habits or complaints (+ always)
- Fixed plans for the near future.
(appointments, arrangements)

Signal Words:

at the moment, at present, now, right now, today, tonight, these days, this year, currently
Listen!, Watch out!, Look!, Excuse me
tomorrow, next month, at 5 o'clock,
this afternoon, tomorrow morning.

Present Perfect Simple

- It emphasizes RESULT. For completed actions at unspecific points in the past (=experience). (How long?)
- Completed actions that started in the past and continued in the present or that have a connection with the present.
- It expresses that the action is permanent. (Non-progressive verbs)
- To express that a completed action led to a desired result.

Signal Words:

Present Tense Revision

Complete the sentences with the correct present form.

- A: Can I borrow your calculator?
B: Sorry, but I _____ (still / use) it.
A: Ok, it _____ (not matter). I'll ask for it to John.
- See you in the morning. I _____ (leave) in a minute.
- I _____ (never / wear) a tie to work and I _____ (refuse) to start now!
- If you drop it, it will explode! What _____ (you / do)?
- You are a great cook! This cake _____ (taste) wonderfully.
- Excuse me, but _____ (this bus / stop) outside the Post Office?
- Henry _____ (still / not find) a job.
- I _____ (drive)! You can sit in the back with Martin.
- How long _____ (you / wait) for the bus? You _____ (look) really annoyed!
- Ugh, don't show me that picture! I _____ (can't stand) spiders!
- Joan _____ (seldom / sit) next to Eve.
- I've finished my exams so I _____ (lie) on the beach the rest of the summer.
- Stop doing that! You _____ (be) very silly today, Paul!
- It's ages since I _____ (not be) to an Indian restaurant. _____ (you / fancy) coming today with me?
- In winter, what _____ (you / wear)?
- Why _____ (you / look) at me like that? Have I done something wrong?
- The coat _____ (not fit) me. I need a

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Signal Words:

already, yet, still, just, so far, lately, recently, for, since, never, ever, all my life
How many times? once, twice, 3 times....

Present Perfect Continuous

- It emphasizes **DURATION**
- It emphasizes continuous course of an action. (How much time is spent?)
- It expresses that the action is temporary.
- To express the action had an unwanted side effect.

Signal Words:

How long? since / for, all (day, week, morning), the whole (day, week, night)

7. Henry _____ (still / not find) a job.
8. I _____ (drive)! You can sit in the back with Martin.
9. How long _____ (you / wait) for the bus? You _____ (look) really annoyed!
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12. I've finished my exams so I _____ (lie) on the beach the rest of the summer.
13. Stop doing that! You _____ (be) very silly today, Paul!
14. It's ages since I _____ (not be) to an Indian restaurant. _____ (you / fancy) coming today with me?
15. In winter, what _____ (you / wear)?
16. Why _____ (you / look) at me like that? Have I done something wrong?
17. The coat _____ (not fit) me. I need a larger size.
18. Thanks for this great time. I _____ (have) a lovely evening.
19. This is an exam. Why _____ (you / talk)?
20. I _____ (not decide) about buying a new bike yet. I _____ (think) about it.
21. The dog _____ (dig) all the morning but it _____ (not find) any bones yet.
22. Every Easter my granny _____ (visit) us and my mum and her _____ (argue) angrily all the time.
23. We _____ (walk) the whole day. Let's have a rest.
24. How many books _____ (she / edit) so far?

Задания на закрепление времени

Present Simple, Present Continuous, Present Perfect, Present Perfect Continuous,
Past Simple, Past Continuous

1. They (start) work at 9:00 a.m.
2. He (talk) on the phone right now
3. They (redecorate) their house this week
4. He (take) a shower has breakfast and (go) to school.
5. He (take) his cat to the vet tomorrow.
6. She (live) in Moscow).
7. Tom (catch) the train to work every morning.
8. He (clean) his room
9. We (try) to find tickets for the concert for three weeks.
10. Fred (work) for the company for ten weeks.
11. They (buy) a new car.
12. Kate (leave) the sports club late yesterday.
13. Nike (come) home (change) his clothes and (go) out again.
14. The children (walk) to school at 8:00 a.m. Yesterday.
15. Ann (go) to Bob's house at 5 in the afternoon.
16. I (do) my homework while my brother (play) a computer game.
17. He (cook) for over an hour.
18. The washer (work) fine now.

Задание 2. Раскройте скобки и поставьте глагол в правильное время.

Пример: Samantha ... (visit) Tretyakov Gallery last month.

- Samantha visited Tretyakov Gallery last month.

1. Mark ... (not finish) his essay yet.
2. Helen ... (read) a book when she heard a loud shriek.
3. My brother ... (go out) with his girlfriend every day.
4. First he ... (dial) the code, then he opened the safe.
5. I'm afraid we ... (not go) to the party tomorrow.

Упражнение 3. Put the following sentences into the correct tense: Simple Past, Simple Present, Present Continuous or Past Continuous, Present Perfect.

I _____ (listen) to the radio while Mary _____ (cook) dinner.

You _____ (buy) this book yesterday?

Last Friday Jill _____ (go) home early because she _____ (want) to see a film.

When your brother usually _____ (get) home in the evening?

Jane always _____ (bring) us a nice present.

What those people _____ (do) in the middle of the road?

You _____ (read) this book?

While Fred _____ (sleep), Judy _____ (watch) TV.

When I _____ (be) young, I _____ (think) Mary _____ (be) nice – but now I _____ (think) she's fantastic.

Jill _____ (walk) home when she _____ (see) her husband's car outside the cinema

Look there! Sue and Tim _____ (run) to school.

Jack's father _____ (not work) in London – he _____ (not speak) English.

Joe _____ (buy) a car yesterday.

Their father often _____ (go) to rock concerts.

While you _____ (sleep), mother _____ (arrive).

Test 2

I can't stand visiting cities. (NOISE)

What is the between these men? (DIFFERENT)

You are right. This picture is (BEAUTY)

Taking a cold shower in the morning is very (USE)

My grandmother living in the old house.

She wants to buy a new one. (LIKE)

The gave me very interesting book. (LIBRARY)

The patient felt much better after proper (TREAT)

There is a view from the deck of the ship.
(PICTURE)