

THE PRESENT

PRESENT SIMPLE - facts, habits, truths and permanent situations.

For positive sentences add -s to the infinitive without 'to' for he, she and it;

Make questions and negatives with **do or does** + the infinitive without 'to'.

- I check my email every day.
- Yuki works at the bank.
- I don't eat meat.
- It doesn't usually snow in October.
- Why do you read the news online every day?
- Does the supermarket sell stamps?

PRESENT CONTINUOUS/PROGRESSIVE - activities that are happening now, temporary situations, activities in progress and future arrangements.

For positive sentences, the form is subject + am/is/are + verb-ing.

Make negatives with not and change the word order to make questions.

- Just a minute. I'm checking my email.
- She's working from home this week.
- The twins are studying Economics.
- I'm seeing the doctor on Monday morning.
- He isn't answering his mobile at the moment.
- What are we doing?
- Is it raining?

Verbs of thinking and feeling, for example: hear, see, smell, hate, know, understand, believe, want, need are not usually used in the continuous form.

WRONG: Could you explain that again? I'm not understanding.

CORRECT: Could you explain that again? **I don't understand.**

Present Perfect - for life experiences in the past; recent past actions that are important now; past situations that are still happening now (often with how long, for and since; with just, already, yet for recent events).

For positive sentences, the form is subject + have/has + past participle.

Make negatives with not and change the word order to make questions.

- I've seen all Tarantino's films.
- Have you ever eaten sushi? - Yes, I have. / No, I haven't.
- The president has resigned.
- I haven't seen Jenny this morning.
- How long have you known Mitya? - I've known him for two years.
- They've been in Italy since January.
- It's just stopped raining.
- We've already had breakfast.
- The films haven't started yet.
- Have you done your English homework yet?