

## Tense

(Present tense, Past tense, Future tense )

### PRESENT TENSE

- SIMPLE PRESENT
- PRESENT CONTINUOUS
- PRESENT PERFECT
- PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

#### 1. SIMPLE PRESENT

**FORMAT – SUBJECT + VERB (PRESENT FORM)**

#### **EXAMPLES**

#### **Positive**

1. The sun sets in the west.
2. We produce lasers for cosmetic surgery.
3. They move into their new home next week.
4. So, I go to Mr. D and say “I deserve a better mark in this class”.
5. Jones stops in mid-court and passes the ball to Schuster.
6. I always study hard for exams.
7. Do you usually speak to him like that?
8. Ben goes to football practice every Tuesday.
9. In general, I believe that all people can live in peace.
10. Do you go to the supermarket every week?

#### **Negative**

1. I don't like the food they serve at that restaurant.
2. Jim doesn't work on Fridays.
3. My friends don't usually leave so early.
4. I do not want to go with you!

#### **Yes/No Questions**

1. Do you surf the Internet every day?
2. Does your boss give you positive feedback?
3. Does Jonathan always turn off the lights?
4. Don't you ever clean your room?

#### **Wh Questions**

1. When do you want to meet me?
2. Why does Beth always complain so much?
3. How much does the ticket cost?
4. Why don't you ever go on vacation?

### Tag Questions

1. John likes me, doesn't he?
2. All those girls speak French, don't they?
3. Keisha doesn't speak Spanish, does she?
4. Those boys don't play sports, do they?

## 2. PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE

**FORMAT- SUBJECT + VERB (PRESENT FORM)N + ING**

### EXAMPLES

- I am singing at church today.
- The boys are playing ball after school.

### Examples of the Present Continuous Tense

The following are basic examples of the present continuous tense. The verb tense in each sentence is underlined.

- She is crying.
- He is talking to his friend.
- The baby is sleeping in his crib.
- We are visiting the museum in the afternoon.

Present continuous tense can be used to express something happening right now or to express something that is not happening right now. Examples of this use include:

- He is not standing.
- Anthony is sitting in the chair.
- You are not watching the movie.
- Rose is reading a book.

Present continuous tense can also be used to show that something will or will not happen in the near future. Examples of this use include:

- She is not going to the game tonight.
- He is meeting his friends after school.
- Are you visiting your cousin this weekend?
- I am not going to the meeting after work.
- Is John playing football today?

Present continuous tense can be used for actions that are still happening at the time of speaking. Examples of this use include:

- Marc is making pizza now.
- They are eating lunch right now.
- Frances is talking on the phone at the moment.

Present continuous tense can be used in questions as well. Here are some more examples of this use:

- Is she laughing?
- Are they listening to the teacher?

- Is the baby drinking his bottle?
- Are you going?

In addition to the above, the present continuous tense can be used to describe actions that are being repeated. Words like always, constantly and forever are used along with the verb.

Examples of this use include:

- Jack and Jill are always fighting.
- She is constantly complaining about her sister.
- Her mother is forever misplacing her keys.

Present continuous tense can be used when speaking about current trends. Examples of this use include:

- Shopping online is growing in popularity nowadays.
- The stocks are dropping constantly due to the economy.
- Today, most people are using text messages instead of the phone.

Another use of this tense is when talking about a planned event in the future. Examples of this use include:

- We are leaving for the beach tomorrow morning.
- The kids are arriving at six o'clock.
- She is speaking at the conference this evening.

**When Not to Use Present Continuous Tense**

There are certain verbs that cannot be used in the present continuous tense. The following verbs are non-continuous:

- Communication: agree, promise, surprise
- Feelings: like, love, hate
- Senses: hear, see, smell, taste
- Thinking: believe, know, understand