

Present Tense

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**Present
Simple**

**Present
Continuous**

**Present
Perfect**

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Perfect
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Present

S₁

I₁

M₃

P₃

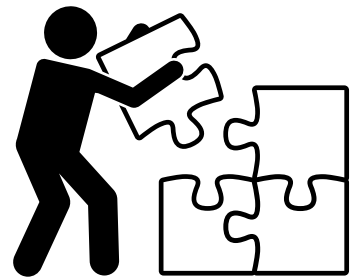
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USE

To describe habitual actions and general truths

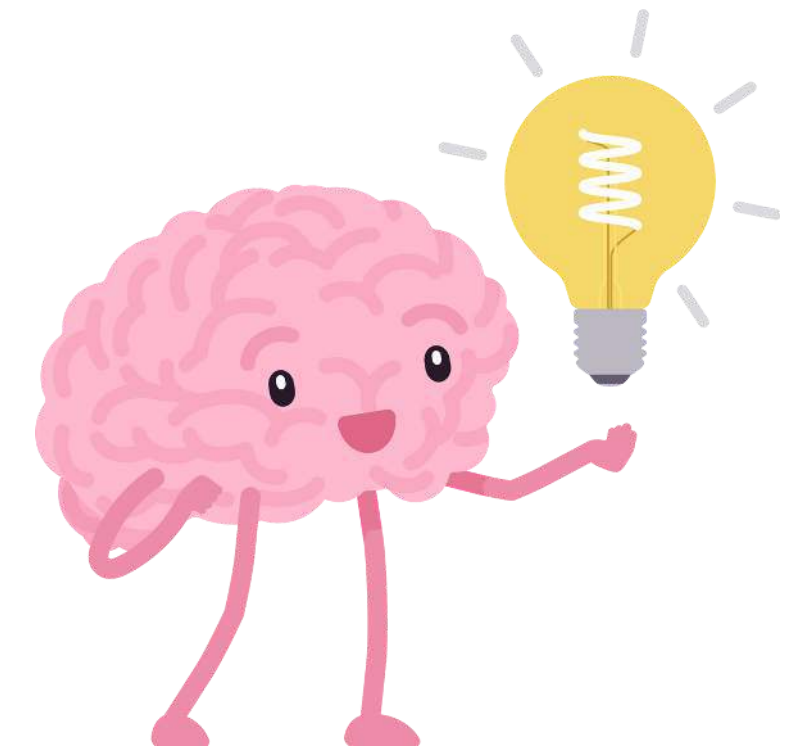


FORM

Positive: Subject + verb (conjugated form)

Negative: Subject + do/does not + verb (base form)

Question: Do/does + subject + verb(base form)?



EXAMPLES

I exercise every Monday. (Habitual action)

The flowers bloom in the spring. (General truth)

He does not eat meat. (Negative)

Do you walk to school? (Question)

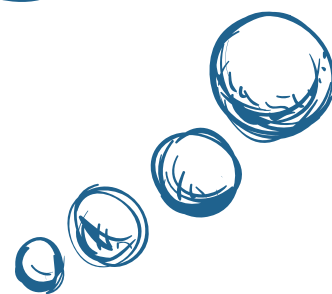


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Present Simple

Regular Verbs

In the present simple
tense, add an "s" to
the third person
singular form



Jump

I jump

you jump

he jump**s**

she jump**s**

it jump**s**

we jump

they jump

eat

I eat

you eat

he eat**s**

she eat**s**

it eat**s**

we eat

they eat

Present Simple

Questions

When making a question, always keep the main verb in it's basic form.



~~Does he walks to school?~~ ❌

Does he walk to school? ✅

~~Does she works today?~~ ❌

Does she work today? ✅

~~Does the monkey swims?~~ ❌

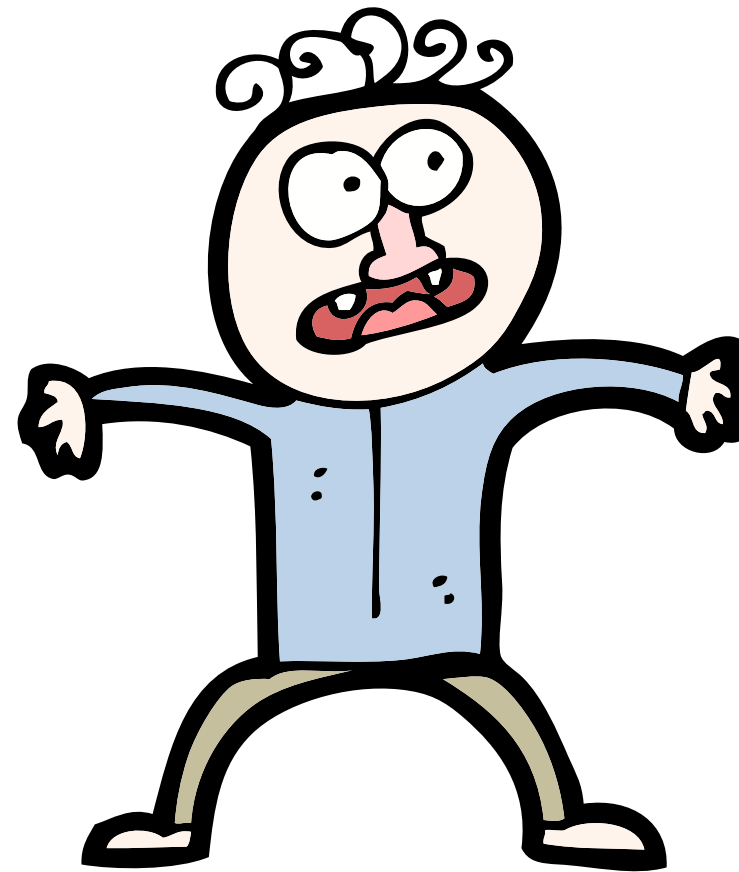
Does the monkey swim? ✅

Present Simple

Irregular Verbs

I am
You are
He is
She is
It is
We are
They are

To be



I have
You have
He has
She has
It has
We have
They have

To have

A few more

Irregular Verbs

Present Simple

Verbs ending in "s",
"sh", "z", "ch", "x" or "o"
add "es" to the third
person singular form

to watch → He watch**es**

to fix → She fix**es**

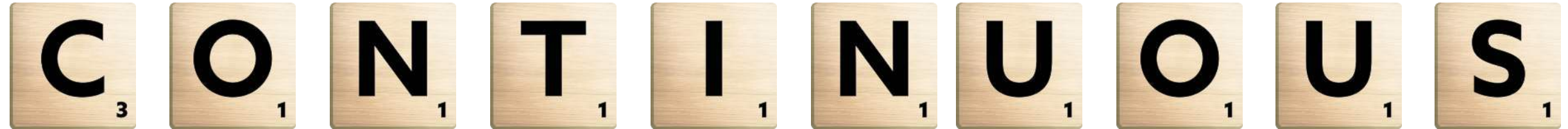
to go → It go**es**

to study → She stud**ies**

to carry → He carr**ies**

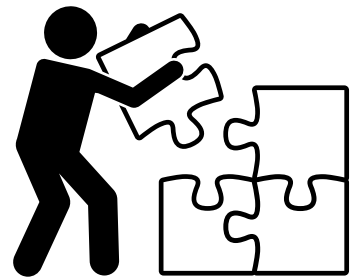
Verbs ending in a
consonant + "y" add
"ies" to the third
person singular form

Present



USE

1. To describe actions that are happening right now or that are temporary
2. To talk about plans in the future



FORM

Positive: Subject + is/am/are + verb + ing

Negative: Subject + is/am/are + not + verb + ing

Question: Is/am/are + subject + verb + ing?



EXAMPLES

I am working now. (Right now)

They are dating. (Temporary)

She is going to church tomorrow. (Future plans)

We are not coming. (Negative)

What are you doing? (Question)



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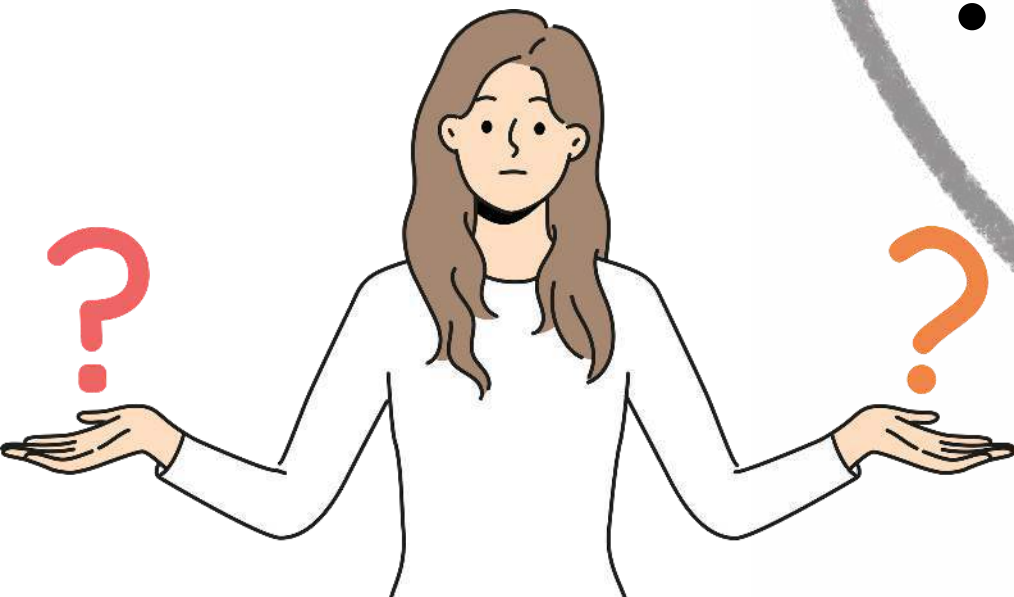
What is the difference between Present Simple and Present Continuous?

PRESENT SIMPLE

- Things which are always true
- Permanent situations (or at least for a few years)
- Habits or things we do regularly
- Future events which are part of a timeline
- To talk about what happens in books or films

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

- Things that are happening at the moment of speaking
- Temporary situations
- Temporary or new habits
- Definite future plans
- To talk about pictures or photos

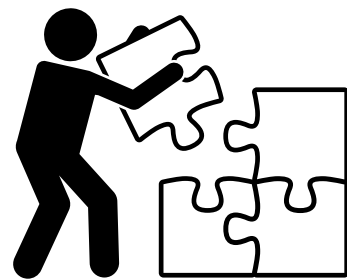


Present



USE

1. To describe actions that started in the past and continue to the present
2. To describe experiences that have happened at an unspecified time in the past



FORM

Positive: Subject + have/has + past participle of verb
Negative: Subject + have/has + not + past participle of verb
Question: Have/has + subject + past participle of verb?



EXAMPLES

I have lived here for 3 years. (action started in past and continues to present)
She has been to China before. (unspecified time in past)
Have you seen the new Star Wars movie? (question)
We have not met before. (negative)



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Present Perfect

REVIEW

I have
You have
He has
She has
It has
We have
They have

To have



BREAKING ***NEWS***

Have/has + not can be
made into a contraction to
make speaking faster and
more natural

Has + not = hasn't
have + not = haven't

Present Perfect

Past Participles

Irregular Verbs

Do not follow the typical pattern. Endings vary!

| verb | past participle |
|------|-----------------|
| be | been |
| buy | bought |
| find | found |

Regular Verbs



Irregular Verbs



Regular Verbs

Usually formed by adding "ed" to the verb

| verb | past participle |
|-------|-----------------|
| walk | walked |
| learn | learned |
| wait | waited |

Many more

Irregular Verbs

Present Perfect

| verb | past participle |
|-------------|------------------------|
| say | said |
| make | made |
| go | gone |
| take | taken |
| come | come |
| see | seen |
| know | known |
| get | gotten |
| give | given |
| think | thought |

| verb | past participle |
|-------------|------------------------|
| tell | told |
| become | become |
| show | shown |
| leave | left |
| feel | felt |
| put | put |
| bring | brought |
| begin | begun |
| eat | eaten |
| keep | kept |

Present Perfect

There are many more
irregular verbs! You will
need to practice and study
in order to use them
correctly.



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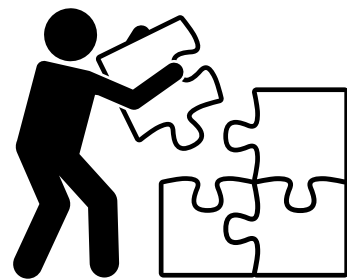
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C O N T I N U O U S



USE

To describe actions that started in the past and are still ongoing in the present, focuses on the duration of the action



FORM

Positive: Subject + have/has + been + verb ending in "ing"

Negative: Subject + have/has + not + been + verb ending in "ing"

Question: Have/has + subject + been + verb ending in "ing"?



EXAMPLES

I have been studying Spanish for 5 years. (action started in past and is still ongoing)

She has been working in the company since last month. (focuses on duration)

Have you been playing the guitar for a long time? (question)

We have not been feeling well. (negative)



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