

# PRESENT & PAST VERB TENSES

## Present

### Simple

## Past

*It depends on the region.  
They don't have a home there.  
Do you think this is cheap?*

facts, habits, opinions,  
schedules

- + subject + verb 🐻
- subject + don't / doesn't + verb 🐻
- ? Do / does + subject + verb 🐻

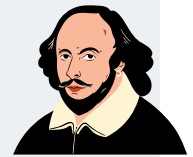


- 👉 he, she, it + verb + s
- 👉 if the main verb is 'be', we don't use 'do/does'. *It is not my best work.*
- 🔑 always, usually, often, sometimes, hardly ever, never, every day, etc.

*I went to Thailand last year.  
He didn't buy a Tesla.  
Did you like the book?*

completed, finished  
actions in past

- + subject + verb (-ed / 2.) 🐻
- subject + didn't + verb 🐻
- ? Did + subject + verb 🐻



- 👉 same for all persons
- 👉 if the main verb is 'be', we don't use 'did'. *It was a bright, sunny winter day.*
- 🔑 yesterday, last year, two weeks ago, in 2022, on 24.04.2017

### Continuous

*I am studying verbs.  
They aren't speaking to each other.  
Where is she singing?*

action in progress,  
happening now

- + subject + am / is / are + verb(ing)
- subject + am not / isn't / aren't + verb(ing)
- ? Am / is / are + subject + verb(ing)



- 👉 I + am | he, she, it + is  
we, you, they + are
- 👉 State verbs cannot be used, e.g. *want, know, like, etc.*
- 🔑 at the moment, now, nowadays, currently, these days, etc.

*I was sleeping when you called.  
He wasn't listening during the class.  
Why were you washing your hair in the office?*

actions in progress at a  
certain point in past

- + subject + was / were + verb(ing)
- subject + wasn't / weren't + verb(ing)
- ? Was / were + subject + verb(ing)



- 👉 I, he, she, it + was  
we, you, they + were
- 👉 State verbs cannot be used, e.g. *want, know, like, etc.*

🐻 = bare infinitive or base form of a verb without 'to', e.g. *go, sing, have, do, be*

# Present

## Perfect

# Past

*I have finished the task.  
She hasn't read that book.  
Have you ever been to Bali?*



past actions with a connection to the present, experiences

- + subject + have / has + verb (-ed/3.)
- subject + haven't / hasn't + verb (-ed/3.)
- ? Have / has + subject + verb(-ed/3.)

- ☞ he, she, it + has
- I, we, you, they + have
- ☞ Cannot be used together with finished time words, e.g. yesterday.
- 🔑 yet, already, ever, for, since, etc.

*I had met him before that party.*

past events that finished before other events in the past

- + subject + had + verb (-ed/3.)
- subject + hadn't + verb (-ed/3.)
- ? Had + subject + verb(-ed/3.)

- ☞ same for all persons

# Present

## Perfect Continuous

# Past



*I have been feeling better lately.  
I haven't been sleeping well lately.  
Have you been taking any medicine?*

action in the past that happened many times, it could be still happening

- + subject + have / has + been + verb(ing)
- subject + haven't / hasn't + been + verb(ing)
- ? Have / has + subject + been + verb(ing)

- ☞ he, she, it + has
- I, we, you, they + have
- ☞ State verbs cannot be used, e.g. *want, know, like, etc.*
- 🔑 How long?, for, since, all day/night, recently

*I had been eating sweets before sleep for years, until I realised that it wasn't healthy and stopped.*

action started in the past and continued up until other time in the past

- + subject + had+ been + verb(ing)
- subject + hadn't + been + verb(ing)
- ? Had + subject + been + verb(ing)

- ☞ same for all persons

