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Tenses

- Verb tenses are essential for speaking English correctly
- Verb tenses are changes or additions to verbs to show when the action took place: in the past, present, or future.
- Verb tenses show when an action took place, as well as how long it occurred.
 The main verb tenses are the past, present, and future.



SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE – Using Action Verb

 The simple present tense is used to talk about a <u>habitual action or usual</u> activity.

Example: Anna takes a shower every day.

Example: I usually *read* the newspaper in the morning.

The simple present expresses general statements of fact/truths.

Example: Babies *cry*.

Example: The <u>sun</u> *rises* in the east.



FORMS OF THE SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE

Statement: To make an affirmative, we use the following formula.

Subject (He/She/It) + Base form of verb (-s / -es) + Object (if any)

Example: My mother eats breakfast at 7:00 every day.

Example: Ali teaches English.

Subject (They/We/You/I) + Base form of verb + Object (if any)

Example: They wash their clothes once a week.

Example: I watch TV in the morning.



FORMS OF THE SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE

Negative: To make a negative sentence, we use the following formula.

Subject (He/She/It) + Does not/Doesn't + Base form of verb + Object (if any)

Example: He doesn't like tea.

Example: A butterfly does not live long.

Subject (They/We/You/I) + Do not/Don't + Base form of verb + Object (if any)

Example: I don't know Samia.

Example: Karen and Danny do not speak French.



FORMS OF THE SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE

Question: In order to ask questions, we use the following formula.

Does + Subject (He/She/It) + Base form of verb + Object (if any) ?

Example: Does she work in a hospital?

Example: Does Ghina play football every day?

Do + Subject (They/We/You/I) + Base form of verb + Object (if any) ?

Example: Do you walk to work every day?

Example: Do they go to school on Saturdays?



SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE

Adding Final - s / - es	Example	
Ending of verb: sh/ch/x/z/ss add es	mi <u>ss</u> -miss es cat <u>ch</u> -catch es fi <u>x</u> -fix es	
Ending in consonant + y change y to i and add es	t ry -tr ies car ry -carr ies	
With most verbs, add s	live-live s stay-stay s	



SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE – Using Be

The verb be is used as an auxiliary verb and it can also be used as a main verb

• Statement: To make an affirmative, we use the following formula.

Subject (He/She/It) + is + Object

Example: My mother is at home.

Subject (They/We/You) + are + Object

Example: They *are* in class.

Subject (I) + am + Object

Example: <u>I</u> am 13 years old.



SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE – Using Be

• Negative: To make a negative sentence, we use the following formula.

Subject (He/She/It) + is not/isn't + Object

Example: It is not cold today.

Subject (They/We/You/) + are not/aren't + Object

Example: Ali and Sandy *aren't* busy today.

Subject (I) + am not + Object

Example: I am not 13 years old.

SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE – Using Be

Question: In order to ask questions, we use the following formula.

Is + Subject (He/She/It) + Object ?

Example: *Is* Kate here now?

Are + Subject (They/We/You/) + Object ?

Example: Are you tired?



Simple Past Tense – Using Action Verb

The simple past tense is used when describing something that is completed.

Example: Anna walked to school yesterday.

Example: I came to class yesterday.

Example: They *ate* breakfast yesterday morning.



FORMS OF THE SIMPLE PAST TENSE

Statement: To make an affirmative, we use the following formula.

Subject (He/She/It/They/We/You/I) + Regular Verb (- ed) + Object (if any)

Example: She watched TV last night.

Example: We asked several questions to our teacher last week.

Subject (He/She/It/They/We/You/I) + Irregular Verb + Object (if any)

Example: I *felt* excited yesterday.

Example: My mom bought three shirts to my brother.



FORMS OF THE SIMPLE PAST TENSE

Negative: To make a negative sentence, we use the following formula.

Subject (He/She/It/we/you/i/they) + Did not/Didn't + Base form of verb +

Object (if any)

Example: He didn't walk to school yesterday.

Example: We did not eat lunch yesterday.



FORMS OF THE SIMPLE PAST TENSE

• Question: In order to ask questions, we use the following formula.

Did + Subject (He/She/It/We/You/They) + Base form of verb + Object (if any)?

Example: Did she work yesterday?

Example: Did they *visit* their dad last night?



SIMPLE PAST TENSE – Using Be

• Statement: To make an affirmative, we use the following formula.

Subject (He/She/It/I) + was + Object

Example: Jasmine was at the library yesterday.

Subject (They/We/You) + were + Object

Example: We were in a visit last night.



SIMPLE PAST TENSE – Using Be

Negative: To make a negative sentence, we use the following formula.

Subject (He/She/It/I) + was not/wasn't+ Object

Example: He wasn't at home yesterday.

Subject (They/We/You) + were not/weren't+ Object

Example: They weren't in office yesterday.

SIMPLE PAST TENSE – Using Be

Question: In order to ask questions, we use the following formula.

Was + Subject (He/She/It) + Object ?

Example: Was Karim here last night?

Were + Subject (They/We/You/) + Object ?

Example: Were Jad and Hisham tired?



Simple Future Tense

 The simple future tense is used to talk about things that haven't happened yet. It is used to predict a future event.

Example: Yasmina will walk to school tomorrow.

Example: I will leave at nine tomorrow morning.

Example: They will arrive on time soon.



FORMS OF THE SIMPLE FUTURE TENSE

• Statement: To make an affirmative, we use the following formula.

Subject (He/She/It/They/We/You/I) + Will + Verb + Object (if any)

Example: She will watch a movie tomorrow.

Example: They will ask several questions to their teacher soon.



FORMS OF THE SIMPLE FUTURE TENSE

Negative: To make a negative sentence, we use the following formula.

Subject (He/She/It/we/you/i/they) + Will not/Won't + Base form of verb +

Object (if any)

Example: He will not walk to school in the upcoming day.

Example: My brother and I won't travel to Paris tomorrow.



FORMS OF THE SIMPLE FUTURE TENSE

Question: In order to ask questions, we use the following formula.

Will + Subject (He/She/It/We/You/They) + Base form of verb + Object (if any)?

Example: Will she *meet* her mom this week?

Example: Will the <u>researchers</u> visit the Library soon?



Time Expressions

Present	today, this morning, this afternoon, tonight, this week, every day, always, usually, often, every night, every morning	
Past	yesterday morning, last night, last week, yesterday afternoon, yesterday	
Future	soon, tomorrow, upcoming days, this week, today.	

Infinitive	Past simple
be	was / were
become	became
begin	began
bring	brought
buy	bought
choose	chose
come	came
do	did
drink	drank
drive	drove
eat	ate
fall	fell
feel	felt

find	found	read	read (pronounced /red/)
fly	flew	run	ran
forget	forgot	say	said
get	got	see	saw
give	gave	sell	sold
go	went	send	sent
have	had	sing	sang
hear	heard	sit	sat
keep	kept	sleep	slept
		speak	spoke
know	knew	stand	stood
leave	left	swim	swam
lend	lent	take	took
let	let	teach	taught
lose	lost	tell	told
make	made	think	thought
meet	met	understand	understood
pay	paid	wear	wore
put	put	write	wrote