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Present Tenses

Simple Present It is used:

- 1 in exclamatory structures starting with Here and There (with go and come) Here comes Anna! / Here she comes! There goes the bus! / There it goes!
- 2 in sports commentaries (actions short in duration e.g. football, basketball) Kane **shoots** ... but Henderson **makes** a great save.
- 3 in newspaper headlines (instead of past and perfect tenses) HIGH-RISE BUILDING COLLAPSES IN MIAMI
- 4 in demonstrations, instructions, descriptions, explanations of actions First, you crack the eggs into a bowl. Then you add salt and pepper and beat them well.
- 5 in reviews or when summarising the plot of a film / book
 Anthony Hopkins gives a moving performance as an old man with dementia in the film The Father.
 The book is about a group of boys who survive a plane crash somewhere in the Pacific Ocean.
- 6 for timetables / schedules / programmes to refer to the future Schools **break** up for Christmas next Friday.
- 7 with verbs such as: accept, admit, advise, (dis)agree, apologise, confess, congratulate, forbid, insist, propose, recommend, refuse, suggest, swear, etc. *I admit it. It was me who broke your glasses. I suggest we take the train.*

2 Present Continuous

It is used:

- 1 for temporary repeated actions Dan **is working** late every day this month.
 - Whenever I go into his room, he's playing computer games.
- 2 for gradually changing or developing situations The baby **is growing** bigger and bigger every day.
- **3** with **always**, **constantly**, **continually**, **forever** to show annoyance / irritation or to say that sth happens very / too often
 - Why **are** you constantly **causing** trouble? He **is** always **helping** people in need.

NOTE

- 1 We often use the simple present and the present continuous when we tell a story the simple present for the events (things that happen one after the other), and the present continuous for background information (things already happening when the story begins, or continuing throughout the story).
 - A man **walks** into a pub. He **is wearing** a dark suit, and he **is holding** a parcel. He **sits** at a table and ...
- 2 We do not use continuous tenses with stative / state verbs, i.e. verbs such as love, (dis)like, hate, detest, prefer, think, believe, know, understand, see, hear, smell, taste, sound, belong, remember, mean, want, wish, include, possess, cost, seem, etc. Do you really mean that? The price includes meals.

BUT: Note the change in meaning:

- Tell me what you see in this picture. Oh, yes! Now I see what you're talking about. (= understand) I'm seeing Alex / the doctor this evening. (= meeting / have an appointment with)
- What **do** you **think** he'll do? *I'm thinking* of getting a dog. (= considering)
- This apple pie smells / tastes delicious. I'm smelling / tasting the milk to see if it's OK. (= checking the smell / taste)
- You appear to be confused. Ed Sheeran is appearing in Manchester this weekend. (= performing)
- This carpet measures 4 metres by 5 metres. We're measuring the sofa to see if it fits in our living room. (= finding the size, etc. of sth)
- This bag of oranges weighs 3 kilos. The greengrocer is weighing the oranges. (= measuring how heavy sb / sth is)
- Those jeans fit you perfectly. The workers **are fitting** new windows in our house. (= placing)
- ALSO: How are you liking the film so far? (to ask sb who is in the middle of sth and hasn't finished it yet)
 - Now you're being foolish. (= behaving in a foolish way at this particular moment)
 - I'm forgetting my German. (= gradually losing command of)
- 3 We use can / could + see / hear / smell / taste / remember / understand for sth happening at the moment of speaking. I couldn't remember the author's name.
 - I can hear someone crying.
- 4 | feel / I'm feeling better today. My knee hurts / is hurting. My tooth aches / is aching.

no difference in meaning

Simple Present Perfect

It is used:

- for an action that happened in the past, but we don't know or say when 1 The police **have arrested** the kidnappers.
- with today, this morning / evening / week / month, etc. when the time period is not 2 over yet

I've sent him three emails this week. (the week isn't over yet)

after: this / it is the first / second, etc. time and: this / it / he, etc. is + superlative form (+ that) This is the first time I have ridden a horse. She is the best performer that I've ever seen live.

NOTE

- 1 How long is it / has it been since you have heard / heard from them? It is / has been weeks since I have spoken / spoke to Jack. [NOT: ... since I haven't spoken / didn't speak ...]
- 2 have gone to have been to have been in
 - Theo **has gone to** Ireland. (= he is in Ireland now) Theo has been to Ireland. (= he has visited Ireland in the past) Theo has been in Ireland for ten days. (= he went to Ireland ten days ago and is still there now)

3 COMPARE:

I've been here for five days. (= I came here five days ago.) I am here for five days. (= I'm going to stay here for five days.)

It is used:

- 1 for sth that started in the past and continues into the present (emphasis on duration) I have been doing my homework since I got up this morning.
- 2 for a finished action which has visible results in the present *It's been raining* heavily for hours and our basement has flooded.
- 3 to show irritation / annoyance / surprise about a recent past action Who's been eating my cereal? The box is almost empty.

NOTE

- 1 We use the simple present perfect with stative / state verbs. How long have you known the truth? I've never understood his theories.
- 2 With certain verbs such as live, work, study, teach, wait, stay, etc. we can use either the simple present perfect or the present perfect continuous. We've lived / 've been living in this town for 25 years.

Practice

- **1** Choose the correct answer.
 - 1 The Browns have been looking / are looking for a house in the suburbs for months.
 - 2 That mansion is belonging / belongs to a famous film star.
 - 3 'I forbid / am forbidding you to see him again,' her mother said.
 - 4 This is only the second time we have travelled / are travelling abroad.
 - 5 The doctors say that his condition improves / is improving day by day.
 - 6 Why are you / are you being rude to me? It's not like you to behave like this.
 - 7 Have you ever been / gone to the USA?
 - 8 The old couple forever argue / are forever arguing about everything.
 - 9 Oh, no, look! There goes / is going our boat!
 - 10 Who is eating / has been eating on the sofa? There are crumbs all over it.
 - 11 It's been ages since we have visited / haven't visited a museum.
 - 12 Olympic-size pools are measuring / measure 50 metres long, 25 metres wide and 2 metres deep.

2 Fill in the correct **present tense**.

- 1 You must stay for dinner. I (insist).
- 2 Kenneth Branagh (play) the part of Hercule Poirot in the 2022 film Death on the Nile.
- 3 The headline in the paper read: BILLIONAIRE (leave) FORTUNE TO HIS CATS.
- 4 It's no wonder you're tired. You (drive) for eight hours straight.
- 5 I (taste) the sauce to make sure it's ready.
- 6 Chris (catch) the bus to work every day this week because his car is in the garage.
- 7 No coffee for me, thanks. I (have) two cups this morning.
- 8 To get to the station, you (go) straight until you come to the traffic lights,
- then you (walk) as far as the ...
- 9 Now that she's pregnant, none of her old clothes (fit) her any more.
- 10 you (feel) any better today, Sarah?
- 11 You are by far the most stubborn person I (ever / meet).
- 12 Mr Davis (teach) in our school for over twenty years.

3 Fill in the correct present tense.

- - B: Not really. I (never / like) summer. I (prefer) winter.
- - A: No, but I'd like to. I (dream) of visiting Knossos ever since I was little.

4 Choose a verb from the box for each pair of sentences and put it in the correct present tense.

see • write • play • smell • shout • try • like • walk

- **1a** Tina the game *Among Us* a few times, but she's not crazy about it.
- **b** How long Nick tennis?
- 2a How you the party so far?
- **b** you my hair? I've just had it cut.
- **3a** Why you the meat? Has it gone bad?
- **b** This yoghurtstrange.
- **4a** Iall morning, and my feet are killing me.
- **b** We three kilometres already. Let's have a rest.
- 5a Right. Now I what you mean.
- **b** you Patrick this evening?
- **6a** Ia list of people to invite to the party. Take a look and tell me if you agree.
- **b** Tom short stories ever since he was a teenager.
- 7a Why you constantly at me?
- **b** your coach often at you during practice?
- **8a** I to reach him all day, but his phone is switched off.
- **b** This is the first time I snorkelling.

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5 Choose the correct answer.

'You know I (1) on you. So, what (2)?' I asked my cousin James, who is a travel agent and (3) to every single country in Europe. 'I (4) you should go to Prague. I (5) there a couple of times myself, and, in my opinion, it's one of the most beautiful cities in the world. I'm sure Katy will love it,' James replied. Katy is my wife-to-be. We (6) married in two months and, for the past few days, I (7) to find a place to go for our honeymoon. 'I'll leave it up to you,' she said.'I'm sure you'll make the right choice.' 'Yes, Prague (8) to be perfect,' I said to James after looking at some photos.'I'm sure Katy will love it'.

- **1 a** 'm counting
- **b** count
- **a** are you recommending**b** do you recommend
- a has travelled
- **b** has been travelling
- a think

......

uuuuuu

b am thinking

- 5 a have gone
- b have been6 a get

7

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- **b** are getting
- a have been trying
- **b** am trying
- a is appearingb appears

- **6** Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using the word given.
 - They started arguing hours ago. FOR They
 Alison moved to Boston a year ago. BEEN Alisona year.
 I'm still writing the email. YET
 - 4 Why do you never remember to take your keys? FOREVER Why to take your keys?
- 6 Keith may look for a job abroad. THINKING Keith for a job abroad.
- 7 It's two years since I've eaten meat. FOR I two years.
- 8 I haven't worked in a bank before. FIRST This is in a bank.

7 Choose the correct answer.

- 1 Alex was born in Wales but in Scotland for years.a livesc is living
 - **b** has lived
- 2 It with rain for the last hour.
 - **a** pours
 - **b** has been pouring
- **3** The new *Star Wars* film at the Rex. Do you want to go and see it tomorrow?

c is pouring

- **a** is showing **c** has shown
- **b** shows
- 4 This isn't the first time we a game, and it won't be the last either.
 - a have lost c lose
 - **b** are losing
- 5 'Can I speak to Mr Evans, please?' 'He's not here right now. He has the bank.'
 - a been in **c** been to
 - **b** gone to
- 6 At the moment, he out at his uncle's restaurant, but he'd like to find an office job.
 - a helps c is helping
 - **b** has been helping
- 7 'Where ?' 'To the supermarket. We've run out of milk.'
 - **a** do you go **c** have you gone
 - **b** are you going
- 8 That infuriating man's continually his car in front of our garage!
 - a parks c parking
 - **b** parked

- 9 The play at 9. Shall we meet at the theatre at 8.30?a has started c starting
 - **b** starts

a I watch

- **10** 'Why are you crying?' '.... *Titanic*. That film always makes me cry.'
 - c l've been watching
 - **b** I've watched
- 11 Ellen is my best friend. I her since kindergarten.
 - **a** know **c** have been knowing
 - **b** have known
- 12 Tell me all your news. What since I last saw you?
 - **a** are you doing **c** do you do
 - **b** have you been doing
- **13** Have you the new mall that just opened in town?
 - a been to c gone to
 - **b** gone in
- **14** I to take a ride in a hot-air balloon.
 - a always want c have always wanted
 - **b** have always been wanting

Language Corner

Phrasal Verbs

- 1 Choose the correct phrasal verb.
 - 1 It looked like a promising deal but, in the end, it
 - a fell out b fell through
 - 2 They a fortune when their uncle died.a came intob came by
 - **3** As soon as the teacher the exam papers, we started writing.
 - a gave out b gave away

- (See Supplementary Booklet for Phrasal Verbs, Verbs / Adjectives / Nouns with Prepositions, Prepositional Phrases and Derivatives)
- 4 He was lucky to with a small fine.a go offb get off
- 5 After last year's drop in sales, hundreds of workers were
 a let off
 b laid off
- 6 The pain will start to a couple of hours after you take the tablets.
 - a wear off b wear out

2 Fill in the correct **phrasal verb** in the appropriate form.

make up • sort out • work out • put up • leave out • show up

- 1 He daily in order to keep fit.
- 2 She spent the whole afternoon the clothes that she didn't wear any more.
- 3 You can the details we just need a brief account of what happened.
- 4 My cousin offered to us for the night, as we couldn't find a hotel room.
- 5 Fruit and vegetables should a large part of our diet.
- 6 I had arranged to meet Paul outside the cinema at 8, but he didn't

Verbs / Adjectives / Nouns with Prepositions

Choose the correct answer.

1	All contestants mutures the contest.	ust agree to abide b with	the rules of c by	7	The building he w Gallery. a of	orks in is adjacen b with	t the National
2	I was so absorbed her come in.	my book that	l didn't notice	8	Did it take you lor remote place?	ng to adjust liv	ving in such a
	a in	b to	c at		a to	b in	c at
3	Only hotel guests	have access th	ne pool.	9	This pass will give	you free admissic	on all the
	a on	b at	c to		museums in the c	ity.	
4	The judge asked t	he witness if he w	as acquainted		a for	b into	c to
	the accused.			10	The fact that he's	tall gives him an a	dvantage his
	a to	b with	c at		opponents.		
5	Older people ofte	n find it difficult to	adapt		a at	b on	c over
	change.			11	I need your exper	t advice which	n laptop to buy.
	a in	b to	c with		a for	b on	c in
6	I'm addicted c	hocolate. I can't st	op eating it.	12	There's no easy ar	swer the prob	plem of poverty.
	a to	b on	c at		a on	b for	c to

Prepositional Phrases

Fill in the correct preposition for each pair of sentences.

by • for • out of • on • at • in

- **1a** After walking up four flights of stairs, I was **breath**.
- **b** She stood by the door waving until they were**sight**.
- **2a** Roger told me **confidence** that he was thinking of quitting.
- **b** It may sound like a good idea now, but I'm sure that you'll regret it **the long run**.
- **3a** We were all thrilled **the prospect of** visiting Disneyland.
- **b** War between the two countries must be avoided **all costs**.

- **4a** He didn't tell her the truth **fear of** hurting her feelings.
- **b** They tried to sort out their problems **the sake of** their children.
- **5a** They were **the point of** giving up the search when they found him.
- **b** I'd like to thank you **behalf of** everyone here.
- **6a** I can't tell you anything about her. I only know her **sight**.
- **b** They were able to start their own business **means of** a bank loan.

Derivatives / Word Formation

A prefix comes at the beginning of a word. Here are some common prefixes.

anti = against	antibacterial	post = after	post-war
bi = two	bilingual	pre = before	prepaid
co = together	co-worker	re = again	rewrite
inter = between	international	semi = half	semi-detached
mis = badly / wrongly	misunderstand	sub = under / less	sub-zero
multi = many	multitasking	<pre>super = big / more / greater</pre>	superhero
out = more / better	outnumber	under = too little	underpaid
over = too much	overcrowded		underpuld

Add the correct **prefix** to the word in **bold**.

- 1 Elon Musk is amillionaire who owns *Tesla* and *SpaceX*.
- 2 My steak was**cooked**, so I asked them to take it back and cook it a bit longer.
- 3 Timothy was sent to the head teacher's office forbehaving.
- 4 He's thinking of doing agraduate course at a university abroad.
- 5 The book is about a girl who hasnatural powers.
- 6 The**-pilot** helps the main pilot fly the plane.
- 7 Hersocial behaviour makes people dislike her.

- 8 Sorry I'm late. Islept.
- 9 Amethyst is aprecious stone.
- 10heat the oven before you put the cake in.
- 11 I feel that the advantagesweigh the disadvantages.
- **12** Divide your report into paragraphs with**headings**.
- **13** I'm afraid we can't put you up. We're having our flat**decorated** at the moment.
- 14 Do all airlines providecontinental flights?
- **15** It is a**annual** event which takes place in June and December.

Collocations

Tick (\checkmark) the words / phrases that can go with the verbs.

1 take	it in turns to do stl charge of	۱	2	a decision a joke on sb	 	sb good research	
	a go pleasure in sth		2 make	sure sb a promise	 3 do {	your duty a speech	

Linking Words / Phrases

Write the words / phrases below in the correct column.

nevertheless • secondly • moreover • besides this • to sum up • first of all • all told • on the other hand all things considered • last but not least • to conclude • as well as that • while • afterwards • apart from this • yet

Adding a point	Showing sequence	Showing contrast	Summarising / Concluding
			2

Language Awareness

1. In other words

- 1 nowadays → these days at present at the present time at this time in this day and age
- 2 near → close at hand a stone's throw away within reach of

2. Different uses of the verb come.

- 1 I think there's a storm coming.
- 2 How did he come to break his leg?
- 3 They came to power in 2020.
- 4 We must **come** to a decision soon.
- 5 Does this jacket **come** in other colours?

3. Circle the odd one out.



my deepest thanks

4. Telephoning

1 Nina, you're wanted on the phone.

- 2 'Who's calling / speaking, please?' 'This is / It's Oliver.'
- 3 Call / Ring me on / at 69367...
- 4 How do I get an **outside line**?
- 5 I'll put you on hold. Hold the line. / Please hold.
- 6 I'll transfer you to / put you through to sales.
- 7 I keep calling, but all I get is an **engaged tone**.
- 8 The phone is off the hook.
- 9 He put the receiver down. / He hung up.
- 10 She hung up on him.

5. Pronunciation

Note the stress in the following words.

graffiti /grəˈfiːti/ abyss / ə'bis/ admirable /'ædmərəbl/ hospitable /'hospitəbl, ho'spitəbl/ adult /'ædʌlt, ə'dʌlt/ hyena /haɪ'iːnə/ hypnosis /hip'nəusis/ amenable /əˈmiːnəbl/ melancholy /'melankali/ dioxide /dai'pksaid/ papyrus /pə'pairəs/ enigma / I'n Igmə/

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