

MOST FREQUENTLY USED VERB TENSES



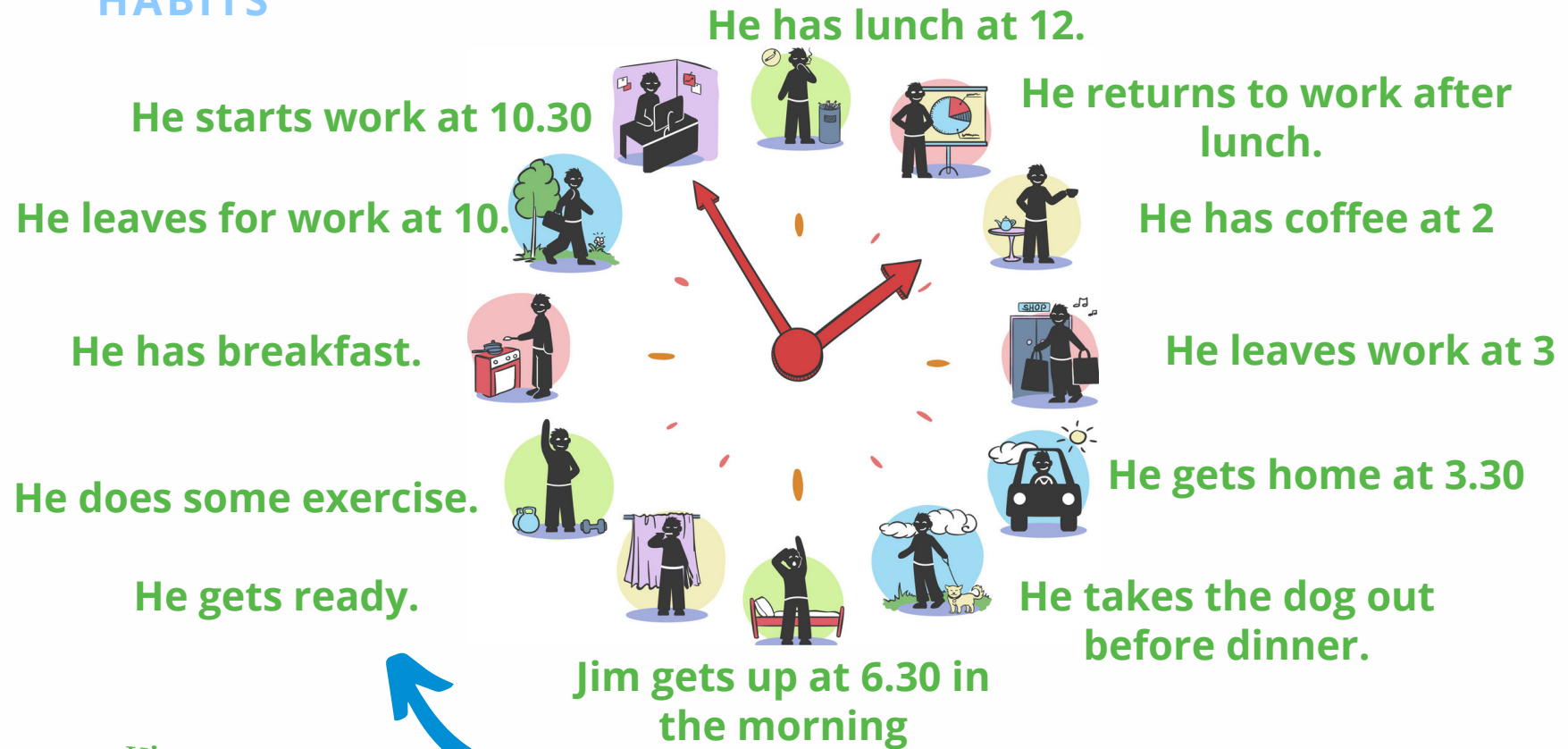
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PRESENT SIMPLE 1

DAILY ROUTINE, HABITS



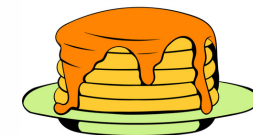
START

PRESENT SIMPLE 2

WEEKLY ROUTINE, HABITS



TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
COFFEE	WORK	WORK	WORK	PANKACES
TENNIS				SHOPPING



I work three days a week.
I have coffee with my friend on Tuesdays.
I play tennis on Tuesday evenings.
I make pancakes on Saturdays.
I do my weekly shopping on Saturdays.



PRESENT SIMPLE 3

RECURRING
ACTIONS

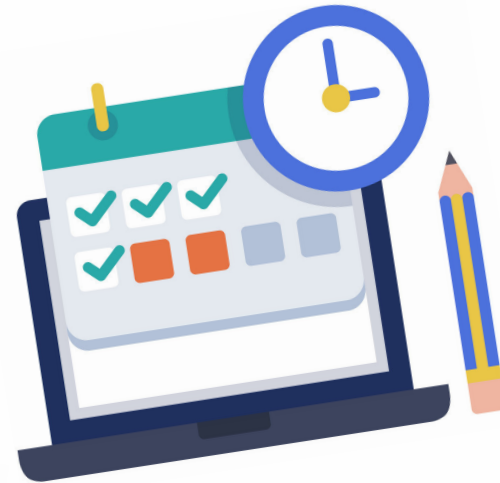
HOW OFTEN?



I never drink alcohol and I never smoke.
I usually go shopping at weekends.
I always eat too much when I'm depressed.
I never go on holiday alone.
I sometimes go out for a drink on Saturdays.

PRESENT SIMPLE 4

TIMETABLES,
SCHEDULES



The plane lands at 13.00.
My English course starts in September and finishes in April.
Buses run every 10 minutes.

PRESENT SIMPLE 5

SCIENTIFIC FACTS, GENERAL TRUTHS

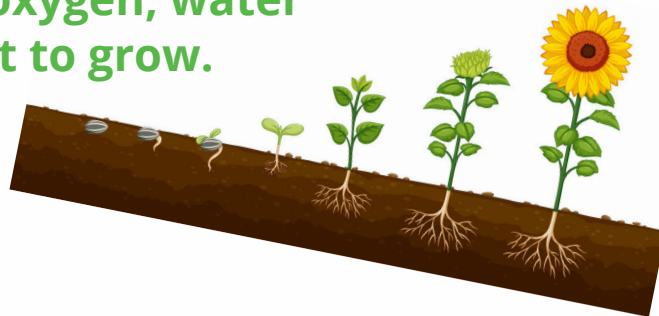


The Earth revolves
around the Sun.



The Sun rises in the East.

Plants grow in soil.
They need oxygen, water
and light to grow.



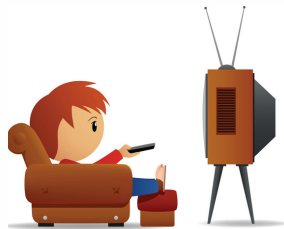
Water boils at
100 degrees.



PRESENT CONTINUOUS 1

ACTION IN PROGRESS
AT THE MOMENT OF
SPEAKING

What's going on
at Fame street
123?



Neil is watching a documentary
about the Moon landing.



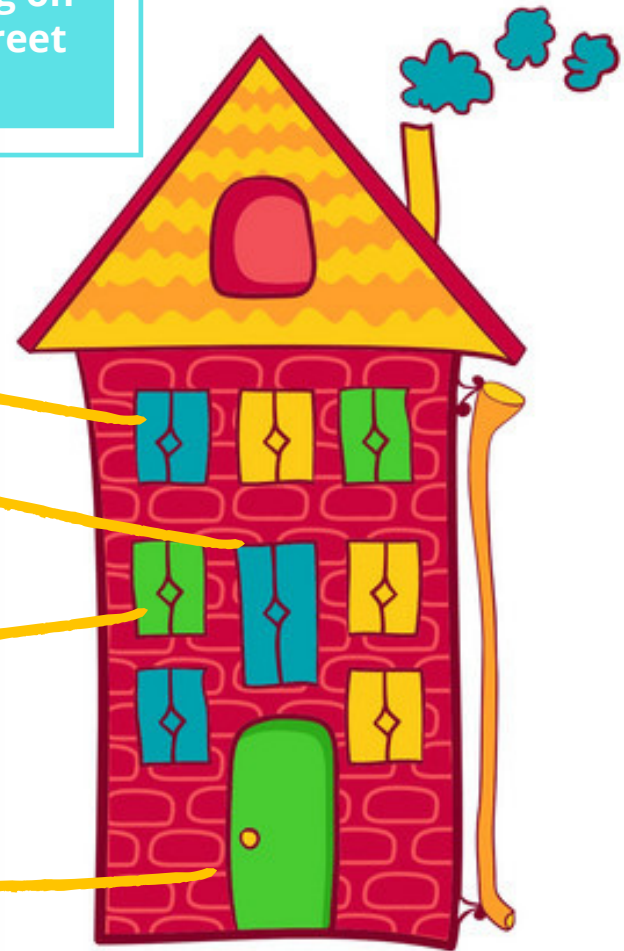
Elvis is playing the
guitar.



Gordon is cooking
dinner.



David is playing
football.



PRESENT CONTINUOUS 2

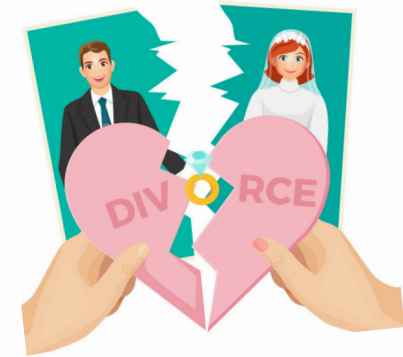
TEMPORARY LIFE SITUATION



She's expecting a baby.



He's looking for a job.



They are getting a divorce.



He's taking a year off to travel round the world.

PRESENT CONTINUOUS 3

TRENDS AND CHANGES

THEN



Housing prices are going up.



NOW

THEN



She's getting fat.



NOW

THEN



Global warming is becoming more and more serious.



NOW

PRESENT CONTINUOUS 4

OUT-OF-THE ORDINARY SITUATIONS AND EVENTS

NORMALLY



Stella usually watches TV in the evening, but this week she's reading a really exciting book.



THIS WEEK

NORMALLY



The children usually take the bus to school, but this morning they are walking.



THIS MORNING

NORMALLY



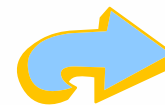
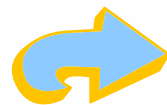
Emma usually studies at weekends, but this weekend she's working in the garden.



THIS WEEKEND

PAST SIMPLE

ONE OR SEVERAL ACTIONS
IN THE PAST



Yesterday, Jane did some shopping on her way from work,
then cleaned the bathroom and mopped the floor.

PAST CONTINUOUS 1

AN ACTION IN PROGRESS AT A GIVEN MOMENT IN THE PAST



Yesterday, at 8,
Jake was having
breakfast.



At 3, he was
playing football.



At 8, he was
brushing his
teeth.

PAST CONTINUOUS 2

TWO OR MORE DIFFERENT ACTIONS
HAPPENING AT THE SAME TIME



Mom was cooking dinner
while talking on the phone
and washing the dishes.



The teacher was explaining
the lesson while Eliot was
sitting on the desk and Sam
was jumping around.

PAST CONTINUOUS / PAST SIMPLE

AN ACTION IS INTERRUPTED
BY AN OTHER ACTION



Kate was walking on the street when a dog suddenly started to chase her.

Tom was walking home after a party when a car hit him.



Alex was studying for his exam when he suddenly fell asleep.

WOULD AND USED TO

PAST HABIT THAT IS
NO LONGER HAPPENING



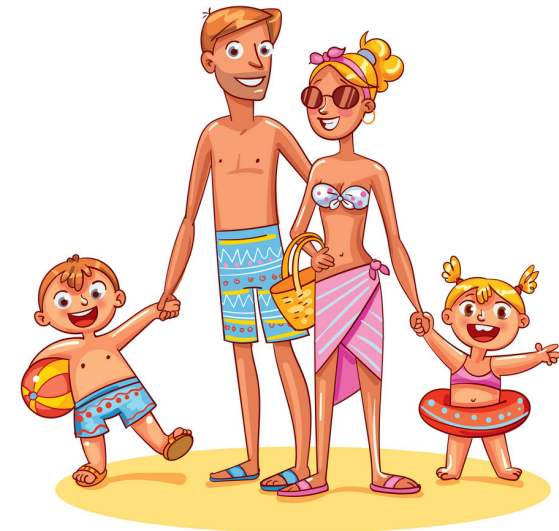
Dave used to play
the guitar (but not
anymore).



George would
smoke a
cigarette after
each meal.



Andy used to be fat
(but now, he's slim)



The Smith family would spend all
their holidays on the beach when
their kids were younger.

FUTURE SIMPLE "WILL" 1

FUTURE FACTS AND PREDICTIONS

You will meet a handsome young man.



You will get married and will have three children.

You will be very happy with your family.

You will get rich and wealthy and will die at an old age.

FUTURE SIMPLE "WILL" 2

PROMISES



FUTURE SIMPLE "I'LL"3

TO MAKE OFFERS
REACTIONS



HELP

FUTURE WITH "GOING TO" 1

PREDICTIONS THAT ARE LIKELY TO HAPPEN

She's going to fall off the ladder.



He's going to get hit by the car.



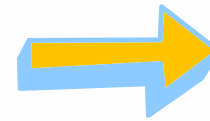
The house is going to be swept away by the tornado.



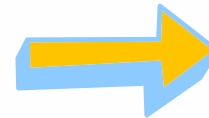
They are going to get divorced.

FUTURE WITH "GOING TO" 2

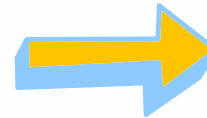
PLANS, INTENTIONS



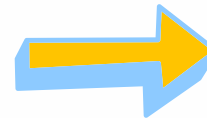
I'm going to travel
this summer.



I'm going to buy a
new car soon.



I'm going to get new
furniture next year.



I'm going to get my eyes
checked next week.

PRESENT CONTINUOUS FOR FUTURE USE

APPOINTMENTS

DECEMBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

I'm meeting the teacher next Friday.

I'm having a party on Saturday 12th

I'm sitting my exams on Wednesday 16th

I'm celebrating New Year's Eve with my friends.

PRESENT PERFECT FOR PAST

TO TALK ABOUT PAST EXPERIENCES

I've learnt to speak
7 languages.

I've survived a
tsunami

I've met the
queen!

I've been to Africa.

My life's
sooo
boring!

I've seen the Eiffel
Tower.

I've moved house 25
times.



PRESENT PERFECT TO LINK PAST AND PRESENT

ACTIONS THAT STARTED
IN THE PAST AND STILL
IN PROGRESS AT THE
MOMENT OF SPEAKING

*I've learnt English
for 2 years.*

*I've been a
chemist for 12
years.*

*We've been married
for 22 years.*



*I've had my car for
two years.*

*I haven't been to
school since
Monday.*

*I've lived here since
2004.*

PRESENT PERFECT

PRESENT PERFECT FOR FUTURE

WITH EXPRESSIONS
"WHEN", "AS SOON AS",
"UNTIL", "AFTER"
TO TALK ABOUT CONDITIONS

As soon as you've
finished your
homework we will
go out.

We won't go out
until you've finished
your homework.

We will go out when
you've finished your
homework.

HOMEWORK

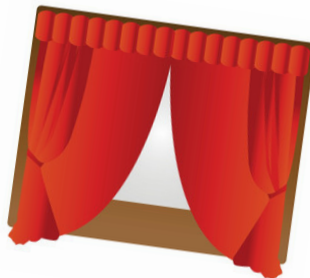
GOING OUT



PAST PERFECT

AN ACTION THAT HAPPENED BEFORE ANOTHER ACTION IN THE PAST

By the time we got to the cinema the film had already started.



When I asked for the bill I realised that it had already been paid.

He won the race because he had cheated.

past

action 2: simple past

I got to the cinema.
I asked for the bill.
He won the race.



action 1: past perfect

The film had started.
The bill had been paid.
He had cheated.