

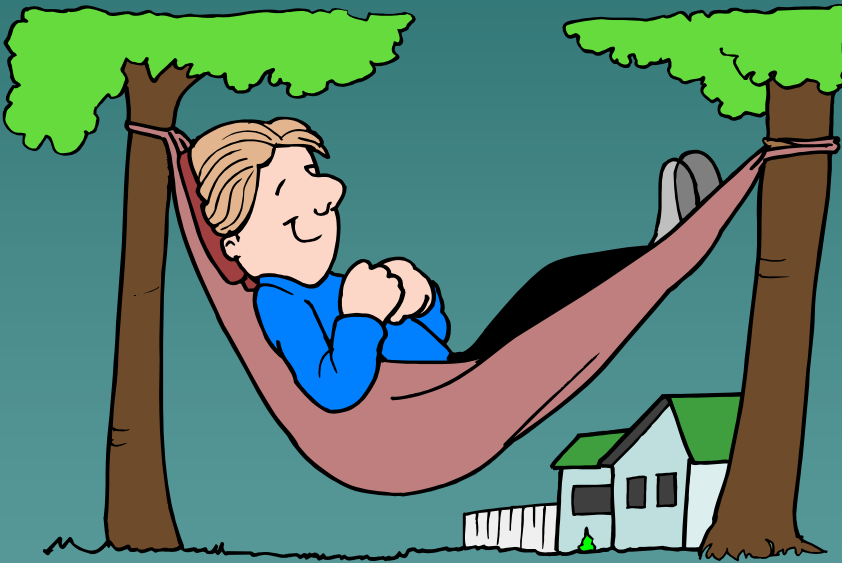
Verbs: Present Tenses

A Quick Grammar Guide
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Verb Tenses

- ◆ Indicate the *time* of the action of the sentence
- ◆ *Primary* or *basic* tenses: past, present, future



Present Tense: Expresses an idea that is happening *now*.

- ◆ The sky *looks* cloudy *today*.
- ◆ The students *seem* busy *this morning*.
- ◆ Mrs. Mason *is* in the kitchen *now*.

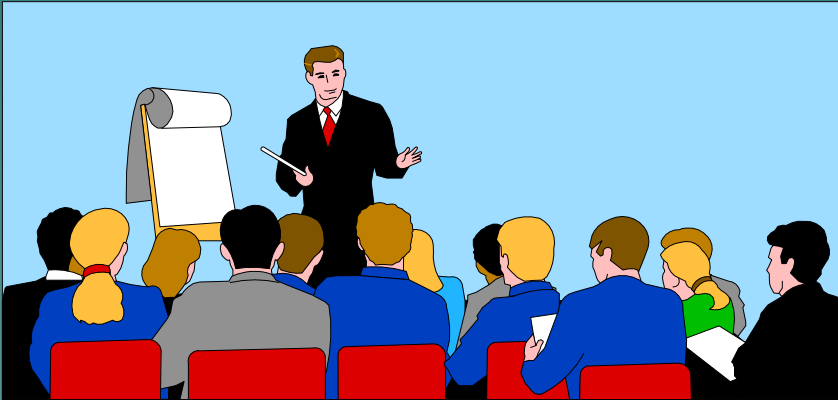


Present Tense: Expresses an idea that is *always true* or *continues to be true over a period of time*.



- ◆ The Eiffel Tower **is** in Paris.
- ◆ St. Mary's **is** a university.
- ◆ I **walk** to work in pleasant weather.
- ◆ Next year's budget **provides** money for a new heater.

Present Tense: *Reports* an idea that continues to be true.



- ◆ The Political Science class **learned** that democracy *is* a form of government.
- ◆ The explorer **told** the audience that it *rains* frequently in the jungle.
- ◆ The office manager **said** that next year's budget *provides* money for a new heater.

Present Tense: The form used when we **name the verb**

- ◆ I am looking for a synonym for **teach**.
- ◆ What is the past tense of **write**?



Present Tense

- ◆ Only the *third person singular form* ends in s or es. All the other present tense forms are the same as the root word.

- ◆ *She raises* her hand to catch the teacher's attention.
- ◆ *Mr. Parker drinks* coffee.



Two frequently used verbs have irregular third person singular present tense forms. The verb *to be* has several irregular forms:

<i>Person</i>	<i>Singular</i>	<i>Plural</i>
1 st	I am	We are
2 nd	You are	You are
3 rd	He, she, it is	They are

The verb *to have* has an irregular third person singular form:

<i>Person</i>	<i>Singular</i>	<i>Plural</i>
1 st	I have	We have
2 nd	You have	You have
3 rd	He, she, it has	They have

Present Tense: Progressive

- ◆ Consists of some form of **to be** with the **ing** form of the verb.
- ◆ The **ing** form of the verb is called the present participle.

I **am** preparing

She **is** observing

He **is** exercising

You **are** witnessing

We **are** hiring

Present Progressive: Shows *an action is happening* when the words are said or written.



- ◆ I **am talking** to you.
- ◆ Someone **is standing** outside the classroom.

Present Progressive: Used to ask a question

- ◆ *Are you charging* too much?
- ◆ *Is the customer waiting?*
- ◆ *Are you learning* anything new?



Present Progressive: Used to express *a negative idea*



- ◆ I *am not taking* that seminar.
- ◆ He *is not helping* us.
- ◆ You *are not listening* to me.

Emphatic Present

- ◆ Consists of *do* or *does* with the root of the verb.

I *do study*

You *do know*

It *does happen*

We *do believe*

They *do agree*

She *does understand*

Emphatic Present

Stresses an idea or
concedes a point

- ◆ We **do sell** software for that computer.
- ◆ We **do have a problem**, but we are working on a solution.

Asks a question

- ◆ *Do you like this color?*
- ◆ *Does the supervisor visit often?*

Expresses **a negative idea**

- ◆ Ms. Brazil **does not live** in Brazil now.
- ◆ The chairs **do not have** cushions.

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