

# Present Simple

positive	<p><b>S + verb<sup>1</sup></b></p> <p>I <b>wake up</b> at 6 every day. He/She/It <b>looks</b> very good.</p>
negative	<p><b>S + do/does<sup>not</sup> + verb<sup>inf</sup></b></p> <p>I <b>don't need</b> your help. He/She/It <b>doesn't like</b> chocolate.</p>
question	<p><b>(W) + do/does + S + verb<sup>inf</sup></b></p> <p>Where <b>do</b> you <b>live</b>? How much time <b>does</b> he/she/it <b>need</b>?</p>



**S** = subject

**W** = question word: *what, where, how...*

**verb<sup>1</sup>** = *like(s)*, **verb<sup>inf</sup>** = *like*

**be & modal verbs** don't need *do/does* to form negation or question:

*Are you happy? She can't swim. It isn't here.*

<b>general facts</b>	The Sun <b>rises</b> in the East. Vegetarians <b>don't eat</b> meat. People <b>need</b> water.
<b>long-term situations</b>	Mary <b>works</b> in a bank. What <b>do</b> you <b>do</b> ? I <b>don't</b> eat mushrooms.
<b>habits &amp; routine</b>	We <b>play</b> tennis every Monday. John never <b>smokes</b> . When <b>do</b> you usually <b>get up</b> ?
<b>stative verbs*</b>	We <b>need</b> help! I <b>don't believe</b> you. The dog <b>wants</b> to go outside.
<b>timetables</b>	Our bus <b>leaves</b> at 7. The shop <b>opens</b> at 6. My class <b>begins</b> next week.



**Signal words:** usually, often, sometimes, every day, every Monday, on Fridays, normally, never...

**\*Stative verbs:** know, like, love, hate, need, understand, believe, prefer, seem, remember...

# Future Continuous

positive	<p><b>S + will + be + verb<sup>ing</sup></b></p> <p>I <b>will be waiting</b> for you. He'll <b>be working</b> all night.</p>	<p><b>actions in progress at a specific point in future</b></p> <p>This time next week we'll <b>be flying</b> to Canada. My parents <b>will be working</b> tonight – let's have a party! I'll <b>be working</b> all weekend. Brad <b>will be waiting</b> for you when you arrive.</p>
negative	<p><b>S + will<sup>not</sup> + be + verb<sup>ing</sup></b></p> <p>She <b>won't be living</b> here next year. They <b>won't be travelling</b> with us.</p>	<p><b>temporary future actions</b></p> <p>Mary <b>will be staying</b> with her parents next month. I'll <b>be taking</b> the train to work next week, so you can use the car.</p>
question	<p><b>(W) + will + S + be + verb<sup>ing</sup></b></p> <p>Where <b>will</b> they <b>be staying</b>? When <b>will</b> you <b>be leaving</b>?</p>	<p><b>asking polite questions</b></p> <p>How <b>will</b> you <b>be paying</b> for your hotel stay, sir? Excuse me, <b>will</b> you <b>be using</b> this computer? <b>Will</b> you <b>be staying</b> overnight?</p>



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**W** = question word: *what, where, how...*  
**verb<sup>inf</sup>** = *like, eat, sleep, be...*  
**will not** = *won't*



**Signal words & phrases**  
 This time tomorrow/next week/on Friday...  
 Tomorrow at 10...  
 In two weeks/5 years....

# Past Perfect Simple

positive	<p><b>S + had + verb<sup>3</sup></b></p> <p>I <b>had</b> already <b>eaten</b>, so I wasn't hungry.</p>	<p><b>past action finished before another past action; "deep past"</b></p> <p>When they got to the station the train <b>had</b> already <b>left</b>. She felt great when she found out she <b>had passed</b> the exam. I knew I <b>had seen</b> him somewhere before.</p>
negative	<p><b>S + had<sup>not</sup> + verb<sup>3</sup></b></p> <p>The boss was angry because John <b>hadn't finished</b> the report.</p>	<p><b>things which were true up to a point in the past</b></p> <p>I was very nervous before my flight to London because I <b>had</b> never <b>flown</b> before. They <b>had been</b> married for fifteen years before they got divorced.</p>
question	<p><b>(W) + had + S + verb<sup>3</sup></b></p> <p><b>Had</b> she already <b>left</b> when you got there?</p>	<p><b>speculating about past with if &amp; I wish</b></p> <p>I wish I <b>hadn't drunk</b> so much yesterday. He would have passed the exam if he'd <b>studied</b> more.</p>



**S** = subject  
**W** = question word: *what, where, how...*  
**verb<sup>3</sup>** = *broken, done, seen...*



**Signal words:** already, never, before, after, when, by the time...

Note that many of these signal words are also used with other perfect tenses.