

Present Simple

positive	S + verb¹ I wake up at 6 every day. He/She/It looks very good.	general facts The Sun rises in the East. Vegetarians don't eat meat. People need water.
negative	S + do/does^{not} + verb^{inf} I don't need your help. He/She/It doesn't like chocolate.	long-term situations Mary works in a bank. What do you do ? I don't eat mushrooms.
question	(W) + do/does + S + verb^{inf} Where do you live ? How much time does he/she/it need ?	habits & routine We play tennis every Monday. John never smokes . When do you usually get up ?



S = subject

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

verb¹ = *like(s)*, **verb^{inf}** = *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.



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



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verb^{inf} = *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	S + had + verb³ I had already eaten , so I wasn't hungry.	past action finished before another past action; “deep past” When they got to the station the train had already left . She felt great when she found out she had passed the exam. I knew I had seen him somewhere before.
negative	S + had^{not} + verb³ The boss was angry because John hadn't finished the report.	things which were true up to a point in the past I was very nervous before my flight to London because I had never flown before. They had been married for fifteen years before they got divorced.
question	(W) + had + S + verb³ Had she already left when you got there?	speculating about past with if & I wish I wish I hadn't drunk so much yesterday. He would have passed the exam if he'd studied more.



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verb³ = *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.