Content Reference

Topic: Present Simple and Continuous

Use this guide to review the basic grammar content about Present tenses. Pay attention to the structures in bold. The words between parentheses are optional. Use a notebook to create your own guide, with you own information, by creating sentences about yourself when indicated. Copy any examples you don't understand into Google Translate.

Use este guia para revisar o conteúdo gramatical básico do tempo verbal Presente. Preste atenção às estruturas em negrito. As palavras entre parênteses são opcionais. Use um caderno para criar seu próprio guia, com suas próprias informações, criando frases sobre si mesmo quando indicado. Copie todos os exemplos que você não entender no Google Tradutor.

1. Present Simple

Use this verb tense to talk about things that are true in general, like your name and physical description; about the current state of things, like your mood or the time; or about things that happen routinely, like your classes or schedule.

Use esse tempo verbal para falar sobre coisas verdadeiras em geral, como seu nome e descrição física; sobre o estado atual das coisas, como seu humor ou a hora; ou sobre coisas que acontecem rotineiramente, como suas aulas ou agenda.

Verb to be

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Affirmative – Subject + verb to be + (adverb) + quality or state + (complement)
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I am the new english student. – **Subject** + **verb to be** + quality.

Negative - Subject + verb to be + not + (adverb) + quality or state

They are not always late to class. - **Subject** + **verb to be** + **not** + adverb + state.

Interrogative – (Wh- word) + verb to be + subject + (not) + (adverb) + (quality or state) +?

What is your name? - Wh- word + verb to be + subject +?

Are you the teacher? – **Verb to be** + **subject** + quality +?

Is he not on the roll call? - **Verb to be** + **subject** + **not** + **state** + ?

Why is he not on the roll call? - Wh- word + verb to be + subject + not + state +?

Common use (take this opportunity to create sentences about yourself for you guide):

- Tell your name and age.
- Ask someone's name and age.
- Ask and tell the time.
- Tell your height and weight.
- Tell your mood.

Other verbs

Affirmative – Subject + (adverb) + main verb + (object) + (complement)

I currently **study** English at Angloschool. – **Subject** + adverb + **main verb** + object + complement.

She works in the bank. .- **Subject** + **main verb** + complement.

Negative – Subject + auxiliary verb (do) + not + (adverb) + main verb + (object) + (complement)

You do not waste time. – **Subject** + **aux. verb** + **not** + main verb + object.

Interrogative - (Wh-) + auxiliary verb (do) + (adverb) + not + main verb + (object) + (complement) + ?

When do you study at home? - Wh- + aux. verb + subject + main verb + complement +?

Do you always speak English? – **Aux. verb** + **subject** + **adverb** + main verb + object + ?

Does she not have time to study? – **Aux. verb** + **subject** + not + main verb + object + complement +?

Why do we learn? - Wh- + aux. verb + subject + main verb +?

Common use (take this opportunity to create sentences about yourself for you guide):

- Tell where you live (street, neighborhood, city, etc...).
- Ask where someone studies or works.
- Ask and tell when some TV show is on.
- Tell what you like to eat.

2. Present Continuous

Use this verb tense to talk about things that are happening, or not, as you speak.

Use esse tempo verbal para falar sobre coisas que estão acontecendo, ou não, enquanto você fala.

Affirmative – Subject + verb to be + (adverb) + main verb[-ing] + (object, quality or state) + (complement)

She is speaking English very well. – *Subject + verb to be + main verb + object + complement.*

Negative – Subject + verb to be + not + (adverb) + main verb[-ing] + (object, quality or state) + (complement)

They are not coming to school. - *Subject* + *verb to be* + *not* + *main verb* + *complement.*

Interrogative – (Wh-) + verb to be + subject + (not) + (adverb) + main verb[-ing] + (object, quality or state) ?

What are you doing? - Wh- + verb to be + subject + main verb +?

Are you feeling well today? – **Verb to be** + **subject** + **main verb** + quality + complement + ?

Is he not doing his homework? - Verb to be + subject + not + main verb + object +?

Why are we not studying at home? - Wh- + verb to be + subject + not + main verb + complement +?

Common use (take this opportunity to create sentences about yourself for you guide):

- Tell what you are eating during lunch.
- Ask what someone is reading.
- Ask where someone is going.