VERBS & TENSES

***Present Simple***

*1. general truth*

The Earth is round.

*2. repeated activities*

(often, never, sometimes, usually)

*3. in reference to futurity (timetable)*

The train leaves at 6 and comes to Rome at 7.

*4. in adverbial clauses*

As soon as you come home, let me know. When he repairs

*5. if clauses referring to futurity*

If you help me,...

*6. stative verbs*

Senses: see, hear, notice, smell

Emotions: like, love, hate, want, prefer, mind, care

Thought processes: think, feel, know, believe, suppose, remember, understand, realise

Possession: own, belong, posses

Inherent properties: be, have, look, appear, seem, sound, taste, weigh, measure, hold, contain, fit, cost

***Present Continuous***

*1. the activity is going on at the moment of speaking*

I'm listening to the teacher.

*2. the activity is going on within the limited period of time*

He's writing a book.

*3. with always, when it annoys the speaker*

She's always telling me to study.

*4. reference to the future time*

I'm playing tennis tomorrow.

***Past Simple***

*1. to express completed actions in the past*

I did it last week.

*2. to tell a story*

... One day he left his house and...

***Past Continuous***

*1. to describe past activities (duration)*

I was having a bath.

***Will Future***

*1. to express intention*

I'll have a steak, please.

*2. to express a prediction*

You'll feel better.

***Going to Future***

*1. to express a future, intention, plan or decision thought about before the moment of speaking.*

We're going to get married in June.

*2. to express a future event for which there is some evidence now.*

Look at these clouds. It's going to rain.

***Present Perfect Simple***

*1. to refer to the past in a general way. When telling about experience and knowledge (ever, never, jet, already, before)*

Have you ever worked in a shop?

*2. to express the unfinished past when talking about action or events which continue into the present (for, since, all my life)*

He's lived here all his life.

*3. to describe recently completed actions or events (just, recently, lately)*

I've just left school.

*4. to describe recent actions or events with present significance (especially, to give news)*

He's gone to the USA.

*5. to describe a series or number of actions separated in a period up to the present*

I've written six letter this morning.

***Present Perfect Continuous***

*1. unfinished past*

I've been working there for 12 years.

*2. present result*

She's been crying.