

## 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, possess  
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, yet, 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 letters this morning.

### **Present Perfect Continuous**

1. *unfinished past*  
I've been working there for 12 years.
2. *present result*  
She's been crying.