

English for Beginners

Learn to Speak and Write Confidently

Lesson 2

Talking about Now



Today's Lesson

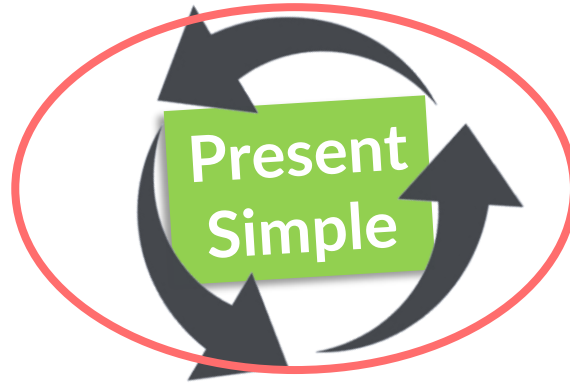
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- You will develop your expressions of **Frequency**
- We will build your **Vocabulary – Free Time Activities**
- You will learn about **Stative and Active Verbs**
- You will be introduced to **Passive Constructions**

- **Summary**
- **Next Steps**
- **Q & A**



Agenda

Present Tenses



Present Simple

Used to talk about a habit, a routine, a scheduled event, or a general truth

Form

Subject + verb(infinitive) + (s/es for 3rd person)

3rd person
=
he/she/it

Examples

I eat chocolate a lot.

*He **goes** to work by train.*

*The meeting **starts** at 8 o'clock.*

*Ireland **have** a brilliant football team.*

Negatives & Questions

*I **do not** eat chocolate a lot.*

*He **doesn't** go to work by train.*

***Does** the meeting start at 8 o'clock?*

***Do** Ireland have a good football team?*

Present Continuous

Used to talk about something happening now, a long action in progress, or something in the near future

Form

Subject + be + verb(ing)

am
are
is

Examples

You **are** listening to me.

The students **are** enjoying my webinar.

Tom **is** studying in Trinity College.

I'**m** visiting my parents this weekend.

Negatives & Questions

You **are not** listening to me.

✓ You'**re not** listening to me now.

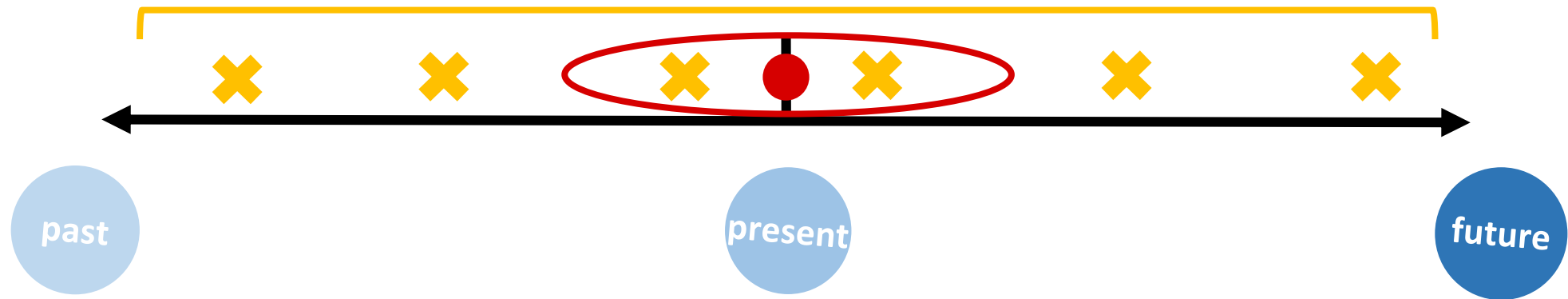
✓ You **aren't** listening to me now.

Is Tom studying in Trinity College?

Am I visiting my parents this weekend?

Present Tenses

- Present Simple
- Present Continuous



Present Tenses




What do you do?




I work in an **IT** company in Munich.




I am a **website developer**. I work for Shaw Academy.




I'm working in **sales** at the moment.



I'm a **teacher**. I teach P.E.



I am a **nurse** in the local hospital.



I'm a **student**. I am studying in the US.



I don't work anymore. I'm **retired**.

Which of these sentences is incorrect?

- ✓ **The children has walked to school.**
- The children are in school.
- The children are walking to school.
- The children have been to school.



Frequencies

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How often
do you...

play
football?



I *usually* play
football at the
weekend.

I play *twice*
a week.

I *never* play
football.

Sometimes I
play football
in the
evening.

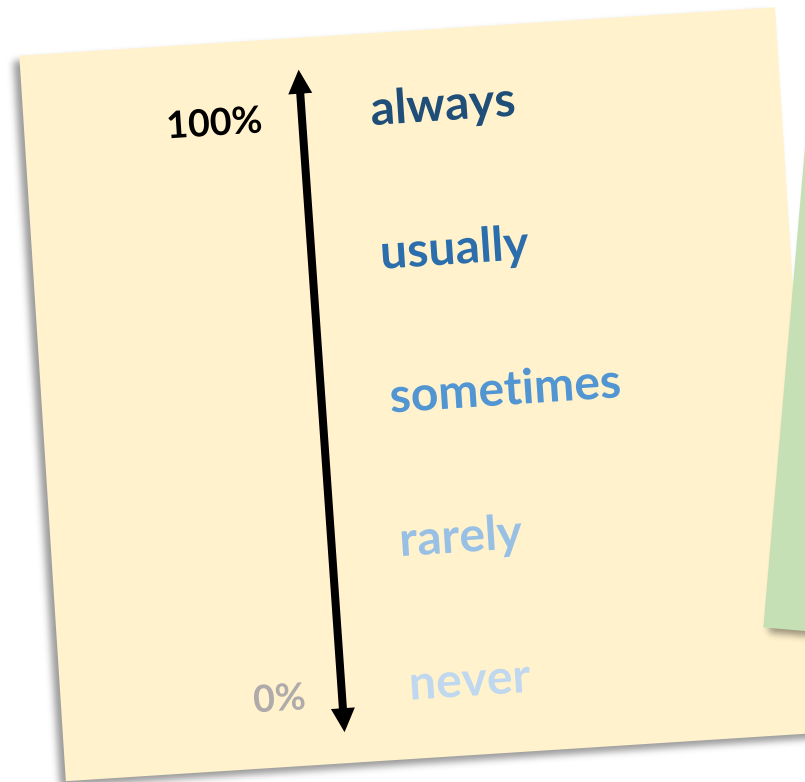
I play
football
every day.





Examples

- I *always* swim at the weekend.
- I go swimming *once a week*.
- I *rarely* go swimming.
- I *often* swim in the evening.
- I *regularly* visit the local swimming pool.



Further Examples:
often
normally
regularly
occasionally
seldom

Which would be the best sentence to use if you work a night shift once a month?

- I always work nights.
- I regularly work nights.
- I never work nights.
- ✓ I rarely work nights.
- I often work nights.



Vocabulary Building

Free Time Activities

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What do you do in your free time?

I love playing with my daughter. She is 1.

We go cycling every weekend.

I read a lot. I'm reading a great book at the moment.

He always plays his guitar.

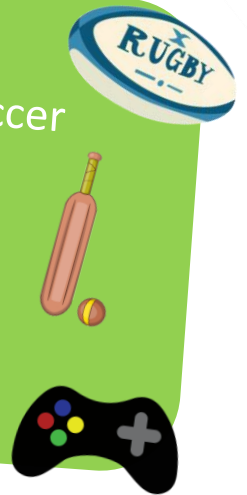
I love music!



What do you
do when you
aren't
working?

- Play golf
- Go to the gym
- Cook
- Relax
- Take pictures
- Go camping
- Go on the internet / surf the web
- Draw / paint
- Play the guitar

rugby
football / soccer
tennis
cricket
basketball
chess
video games



the drums
the violin
the piano
the trumpet
the flute
the keyboard



"I **relax** at home after work."
"I **play** tennis at the weekend."
"I **surf** the web most evenings."

+ like,
love,
etc.

"I **love** relaxing at home."
"I **like** playing tennis at the weekend."
"I **hate** surfing the web."

Which of these sentences is incorrect?

- Mark plays tennis in the summer.
- The children like cooking with their mother.
- ✓ **We go painting in school.**
- She hates playing the violin.
- My father takes lots of pictures with his camera.



Stative vs. Active Verbs

What are they?

These verbs express a state rather than an action
They usually relate to thoughts, emotions, senses, and states of being


****These can't be used in Continuous Tenses**

Stative

- Like
- Need
- Want
- Believe
- Understand
- Own
- Know

I don't like surfing the web. 

~~He is not wanting to go to the cinema.~~

Do they believe in God? 

~~Mark is knowing all about English.~~

Active

- Go
- Drive
- Play
- Run
- Laugh
- Eat
- Talk

We *are driving* to Paris for our vacation.

Thomas *isn't laughing* at Mark's jokes.

Is Mark *talking* to his students?

Which of these do you think is a stative verb?

- to do
- ✓ to be
- to find
- to smile
- to push



The Passive Voice

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When do we use it?

When we want to emphasise the **object** of a sentence
The object(or recipient) of the sentence becomes the subject

Form

Recipient (subject) + 'to be' + past participle

verb + ed
or
irregulars

Remember!

Active sentence:
Agent (subject) + verb + recipient (object)

"Mark teaches the students twice a week."

Examples

"The students **are taught** twice a week (by Mark)."

"I **am employed** by Shaw Academy."

"The lights **are switched** off every night."

"Apple was founded in 1976."

"Apple was founded in 1976 by Steve Jobs."

Describing a Process

How peanut butter is made

- 1 The shells *are removed* from the peanuts.
- 2 The peanuts *are roasted* in a large oven.
- 3 Their skin *is now removed* using water.
- 4 The peanuts *are ground* into butter by a big machine.
- 5 The butter *is packed* into jars and the labels *are put* on.



Irregular Past Participles

ground > to grind
put > to put

Which of these sentences is not a passive construction?

- ✓ The boys are clean going to school.
- Pictures are painted by artists.
- The dishes are washed every morning.
- Harry Potter is written by J.K. Rowling.





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- Attend all of the lessons **LIVE** to ask questions in real time and benefit the most
- We're here to help, so contact us anytime!