

PRESENT TENSE

SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE

The present tense indicates an action which is occurring now or which occurs all the time. In addition, the present tense may indicate that something is essentially true or false, valid or invalid, or generally agreed upon logically.

EX:

I watch television.

You watch television.

He watches television.

She watches television.

We watch television.

They watch television.

Notice a shift in singular and plural forms of the verb when using HE/SHE/IT. Be aware of this possibility.

PRESENT PROGRESSIVE TENSE

The present progressive tense indicates that an action is happening at this moment.

EX:

I am watching television.

You are watching television.

He is watching television.

She is watching television.

We are watching television.

They are watching television.

PRESENT PERFECT TENSE

The present perfect tense indicates that an action which began in the past is linked to the present. The helping verbs HAVE (plural) or HAS (singular) are added to the past participle to form the future perfect tense.

EX:

I have watched television.

You have watched television.

He has watched television.

She has watched television.

We have watched television.

They have watched television.

PRESENT PERFECT PROGRESSIVE TENSE

The present perfect progressive tense indicates an action which happened continually in the past and is linked to the present.

EX:

I have been watching television.

You have been watching television.

He has been watching television.

She has been watching television.

We have been watching television.

They have been watching television.