

# PRESENT TENSE

## PRESENT TENSE:

# It shows the forms of a verb, which indicate that the action is done in the present tense.

There are 4 (four) forms of the present tense.

#### Example:

- 1. I play tennis every evening.
- 2. I am thinking of going to Malaysia.
- 3. We have lived here for ten years.
- 4. We have been playing the match since ten o 'clock.
- 5. He does not attend the class everyday.

## KINDS OF PRESENT TENSE:

- 1. Present Indefinite Tense Or Simple Present Tense
- 2. Present Continuous Tense
- 3. Present Perfect Tense
- 4. Present Perfect Continuous Tense

## PRESENT INDEFINITE TENSE OR SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE:

1. The verb shows that the action is mentioned simply without anything being said about the completeness or incompleteness of the action. One can say exact time is not definitely known.

#### It is formed as:

- 2. Subject + First Form Of The Verb
- 3. Subject (Singular Or Third Person) + First Form Of The Verb + S Or Es

#### It is used as:

- 4. To express what is happening at present moment.
- 5. To express custom or habit
- 6. To express general truth.

#### Example:



- 1. He gets up early in the morning.
- 2. He drinks tea every morning.
- 3. He takes exercise every morning
- 4. I get up every day at five 'o clock.
- 5. She goes to the temple daily.

## PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE:

1. It is an action, which is going on now and here. It is continuous to be done at present.

It is formed as:

2. Subject + Is Or Am Or Are + First Form Of Verb + Ing

It is used as:

- 3. For an action going on at the time of speaking.
- 4. For an action that has already been arranged to take place in the near future.

#### Example:

- 1. She is tasting the soup to see if it needs more salt.
- 2. The tailors are sewing new clothes.
- 3. The leaves are falling to the ground.
- 4. I am going to the cinema tonight.
- 5. They are washing their hands.

## PRESENT PERFECT TENSE:

 Verb shows that the action is mentioned as finished, complete or perfect at the time of speaking.

It is formed as:

2. Subject + Has Or Have + Third Form Of The Verb

Example:

# They have washed their hands.



#### It is used as:

- 3. To indicate completed activities in the immediate past (with just) as -
- 4. To express past actions whose time is not given and not definite as -
- 5. To denote an action beginning at same time in the past and continuing up to the present moment as -

#### Example:

- 1. Have you read Gulliver's travel?
- 2. I have lived in Poona for five years.
- 3. Gopi has eaten all the biscuits.
- 4. We have thanked our stars.
- 5. The boys have learnt their lessons.

### PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE:

1. It shows the action had been partly completed or perfected but still continuing.

## It is formed as:

2. Subject + Has / Have been + First Form Of Verb + Ing

#### It is used as:

3. Action had continued for a certain time previous to the point of past time named.

## Example:

- 1. She has been cooking food for the guests since morning.
- 2. They have been washing their hands for five minutes.
- 3. I have been doing my homework for an hour.
- 4. They have been building the bridge for several months.
- 5. He has been sleeping for five hours.