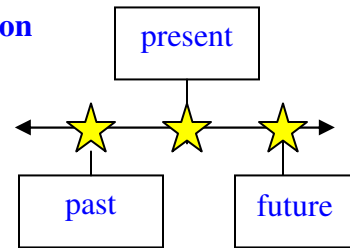


# The Present Tense – Simple Present

There are three *aspects* of the present tense:

- 1) Simple present
- 2) Present progressive
- 3) Present perfect (simple and progressive)

★ = action



The **simple present tense** is used to describe:

1. actions that are routines
2. a state of being

• **Note:** the simple “present” tense is a somewhat misleading name. When using the simple present tense to describe actions that are *routines*, actions that happened in the past and actions that have not yet happened in the future automatically get included. For example, “We learn English on Tuesday.” In this sentence, you are indirectly providing information about what we did last Tuesday (past), and what we will be doing next Tuesday (future).

- Add “s” or “es” or “ies” to verb endings in simple present tense when used to describe (he, she, it).
- Verb endings in simple present tense do not change when used to describe all other subjects (I, you, we, they).

he / she / it [verb + “s” or “es” or “ies”]  
I / you / we / they [verb]

- The verb “to be” has an irregular conjugation:

I [am]  
he / she / it [is]  
you / we / they [are]

Example: I run everyday.

Example: She is happy.

Directions: Write the correct form of the verb in the spaces below.

- 1) I \_\_\_\_\_ (to do) my homework everyday.
- 2) We do not \_\_\_\_\_ (to ride) the bus to work.
- 3) He \_\_\_\_\_ (to like) chocolate milk.
- 4) It always \_\_\_\_\_ (to rain) during the months of April and May.
- 5) My sister usually \_\_\_\_\_ (to go) to church every Sunday.
- 6) Joey and Mike \_\_\_\_\_ (to be) best friends.
- 7) The helicopter pilot \_\_\_\_\_ (to fly) every day.
- 8) Don’t you \_\_\_\_\_ (to want) to come to the movie with us?
- 9) Our favorite game \_\_\_\_\_ (to be) chess.
- 10) I do not \_\_\_\_\_ (to have) much time to waste.

Directions: Put the following sentences in the simple present tense.

1) I am doing the laundry.

2) It was cold.

Directions: Now make your own sentences in the simple present tense.

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_