

Simple Tenses

Simple Present

Simple Past

Simple Future

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Simple Present (meaning)

- The SIMPLE PRESENT expresses an action, state of being or state of mind that happens habitually or systematically in the present.
- Expressions of time most frequently used:
 - every ... (*day, week, month, year, Monday, Wednesday*)
 - in the ... (*morning, afternoon, evening*)
 - always, usually, often, sometimes ... (*adverbs of time*)

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Simple Present (General Structure)

- *(affirmative) S + V (simple present) + ...*
e.g. We practice sports every morning.
She usually watche(s) TV at night.
- *(negative) S + DO-DOES + NOT + V (simple form) + ...*
e.g. I do not study English every day.
She does not work in the afternoon.
- *(interrogative) DO-DOES + S + V (simple form) + ... ?*
e.g. Do people like music?
Does it belong to you?

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Simple Past (meaning)

- The SIMPLE PAST tense expresses an action, state of being or state of mind that happened at a definite moment in the past.
- Expressions of time most frequently used:
 - yesterday
 - last ... (*Monday, Thursday, week, month, year*)
 - (a week, two days) ago
 - in (1998, 2000)

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Simple Past (General Structure)

- *(affirmative) S + V (past) + ...*
 [+ed for regular verbs]
 [*internal changes* for irregular verbs]
 e.g. Jack arrived late yesterday.
 They won the contest last year.
- *(negative) S + DID + NOT + V (simple form) + ...*
 e.g. She did not visit me last week-end.
 I do not drink too much last Saturday.
- *(interrogative) DID + S + V (simple form) + ... ?*
 e.g. Did you go to the theater last night?
 Did he buy a car two weeks ago?

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Simple Future (meaning)

- n The **SIMPLE FUTURE** tense expresses an action, state of being or state of mind that will happen in some moment in the future.
- n It has two structures to be used:
 - n *BE + GOING TO + V (infinitive)*
 - n *WILL-SHALL + V (simple form)*
- n **Expressions of time** most frequently used:
 - n tomorrow
 - n next ... (*Monday, Saturday, week, month, year*)
 - n in ... (*future years ... 2010*)

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Simple Future (General Structure)

- n (affirmative) *S + BE + GOING + TO + V (infinitive) + ...*
S + WILL + V (simple form)

e.g. She **is going to travel** next Sunday.
I **will see** you tomorrow.

- n (negative) *S + BE + NOT + GOING TO + V (infinitive) + ...*
S + WILL + NOT + V (simple form) + ...

e.g. They **are not going to play** football tomorrow.
He **will not finish** the work by next year.

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Simple Future (General Structure)

- n (interrogative) *BE + S + GOING TO + V (infinitive) + ...*
WILL + S + V (simple form) + ... ?

e.g. **Are they going to work** next month?
Will you stay here tomorrow?

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