

Present Tenses

Simple Present

The Simple Present can be used to describe something that happens regularly, to give an instruction, to describe something that has been arranged or to talk about the future after certain conjunctions have been used (after, when, before, as soon as, until).

e.g.

I bake
You bake (singular)

He/She/It bakes
We bake

You bake (plural)
They bake

Present Continuous

Present Continuous is also known as Present Progressive and describes events which are happening right now in the present moment.

e.g.

I am baking
You are baking (singular)
He/She/It is baking

We are baking
You are baking (plural)
They are baking

Present Perfect

The Present Perfect can be used for the following situations: to describe something that happened in the past and is continuing today; an action that was completed recently; and for an action that did not happen at a specific time.

e.g.

I have baked
You have baked (singular)

He/She/It has baked
We have baked

You have baked (plural)
They have baked

Present Perfect Continuous

Present Perfect Continuous, also known as Present Perfect Progressive, describes events which started at some point in the past that may not be finished.

e.g.

I have been baking
You have been baking (singular)
He/She/It has been baking

We have been baking
You have been baking (plural)
They have been baking

