



Present Tense

Learning Outcomes

- Students will understand the structure and use of the simple present tense.
- They will use the simple present tense to describe habitual actions and general truths.
- They will identify and apply subject-verb agreement in simple present tense sentences.



Lead in

See the pictures and write about each action below it.

(a)



Reema is _____.

(b)



Deepak is _____.

(c)



Raman is _____
to school.

All the three sentences show action in present tense.

Tense

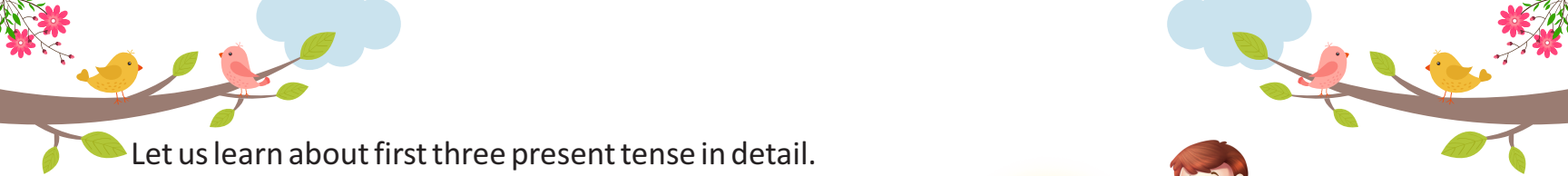
Tense is a verb-form used to indicate the time of an action or event. There are three main tenses in English: Present tense, Past tense and Future tense.

Present Tense

The present tense expresses the actions happening in the present time i.e. daily basis, regular activities, universal truth or facts.

Present Tense Chart

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Simple Present Tense | I sing . |
| 2. Present Continuous Tense | I am singing . |
| 3. Present Perfect Tense | I have sung . |
| 4. Present Perfect Continuous | I have been singing . |



Let us learn about first three present tense in detail.

Simple Present Tense

The **simple present tense** is used :

➤ **to express habitual actions**

Examples :

1. I **go** for a walk daily.
2. My mother **goes** to the temple every morning.

➤ **to express permanent truth or facts**

Examples :

1. The Earth **revolves** around the Sun.
2. Delhi **stands** on the banks of the river Yamuna.
3. Water **boils** at 100 degree celsius.



➤ **fixed or planned activities**

Examples :

1. The Prime Minister **arrives** at 8 a.m.
2. The match **starts** at 9 a.m.

Formation of Simple Present Tense

The Simple Present Tense	Rules	Examples
⊙ With I, we, you, they and all plural nouns	Use the root form of the verb without any changes.	I play . We play .
⊙ With he, she, it and all singular nouns	Add -s/-es to the root form of the verb.	He plays . She plays .

A. Fill in the blanks with the simple present tense form of verbs given in the brackets.

1. I _____ (greet) my friend on her birthday.
2. Rupa _____ (keep) her room neat and clean.
3. Children _____ (go) to school every day.
4. She _____ (speak) English fluently.
5. Mother _____ (read) a magazine.
6. Madhu and Priya _____ (like) to travel together.
7. Bapun _____ (go) the gym.



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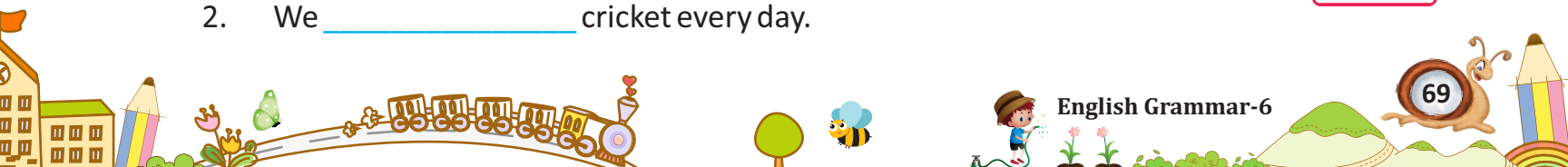
B. Fill in the blanks with the simple present tense verbs given in the box.

boils, rises, play, love

1. Children _____ sweets.
2. We _____ cricket every day.



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3. Water _____ at 100° celsius.
4. The Sun _____ in the east.

Present Continuous Tense

The **present continuous tense** is used:

To talk about an action going on at the time of speaking

Example :

1. I **am doing** my homework now.
2. It **is raining** now.

➤ **To refer to actions or activities that have been arranged to take place in the near future.**

Example :

He **is visiting** us on Sunday.

To express an action that is in progress or will continue.

Example :

Rahul **is learning** French.

Formation of Present Continuous Tense

The Present Continuous Tense	Rules	Examples
⊙ With I	Use am + the root form of the verb + ing	I am singing .
⊙ With we, you, they and plural nouns	Use are + the root form of the verb + ing	We are singing .
⊙ With he, she, it and singular nouns	Use is + the root form of the verb + ing	He is singing .

C. Complete the sentences using the present continuous tense form of the verbs given in the brackets.

1. The cat _____ (sleep) on the sofa.
2. We _____ (learn) grammar.
3. My friends _____ (call) me.
4. The students _____ (listen) to the teacher.
5. They _____ (swim) in the pool.
6. My mother _____ (cook) in the kitchen.



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Spot the Error

⊙ She was absent today.

⊙ She is absent today.

Present Perfect Tense

The present perfect tense is used:

➤ To indicate an action that has been completed at the time of speaking.

Example : We **have finished** our project.

➤ To talk about an action that started earlier but is still going on.

Example : She **has lived** here for 8 years.

➤ To talk about an action that has been completed.

Example : The train **has left** the station.

Formation of Present Perfect Tense

The Present Perfect Tense	Rules	Examples
⊙ With I	Use have + past participle form of verb .	I have sung a song
⊙ With we, you, they and plural nouns	Use have + past participle form of the verb	You have sung a song
⊙ With he, she, it and singular nouns	Use has + past participle form of verb	He has sung a song

D. Fill in the blanks with present perfect tense form of verbs given in the brackets.

- Riya _____ (break) her leg.
- They _____ (finish) their homework.
- We _____ (arrive) in Delhi.
- She _____ (win) the first prize.
- I _____ (eat) my breakfast.
- She _____ (borrow) an umbrella from me.



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Spot the Error

⊙ He lived in Kolkata all his life.

⊙ He has lived in Kolkata all his life.

Present Perfect Continuous Tense

The present perfect continuous tense is used:

➤ To describe an action that began in the past and is still going on.

Examples :

He **has been playing** since morning.

I **have been waiting** all the day.

Formation of Present Perfect Continuous Tense

The Present Perfect Continuous Tense	Rules	Examples
With I	Use have + been + verb (ing)	I have been singing .
With we, you, they and all plural nouns	Use have + been + verb (ing)	We have been singing for two hours.
With he, she, it and all plural nouns	Use has + been + verb (ing)	He has been singing for four hours

E. Fill in the blanks with the present perfect continuous tense form of the verbs given in the brackets.

1. She _____ (do) her homework for last two hours.

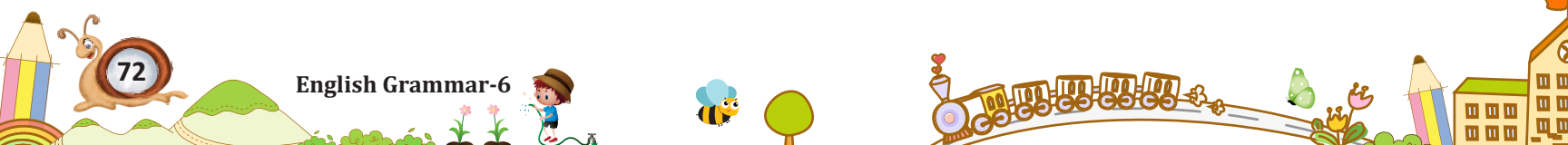
2. The boys _____ (play) football for last two hours.

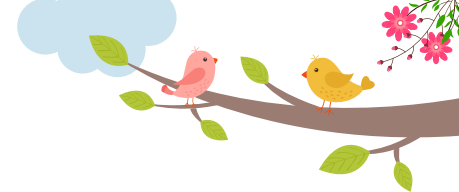
3. The baby _____ (cry) for half an hour.

4. I am _____ (wait) for you for two hours.



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Points to Remember

- There are three main tenses in English : Present tense, Past tense and Future tense.
- The present tense expresses actions in the present time.
- Simple present tense is used to express habitual actions, permanent truth or facts, fixed or planned activities.
- Present Continuous tense is used to talk about an action going on at the time of speaking.
- Present perfect tense is used to talk about an action that has been completed.
- Present perfect continuous tense is used to describe an action that began in the past and is still going on.



My Activity Corner

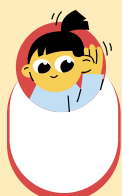
Work in two groups. Let the first group show an action. The second group calls out the action in sentence form.

Example : Suppose the first group show the action of playing cricket.

The second group frames a sentence 'You are playing cricket'. based on the action.



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Vocabulary

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