

Present Tenses in English

Kurallar, Kullanım Alanları ve Örneklerle Kapsamlı Rehber

English Grammar

Present Tenses – Genel Bakış

Simple Present

(Geniş Zaman)

S + V1 (s/es)

Present Continuous

(Şimdiki Zaman)

S + am/is/are + V-ing

Present Perfect

S + have/has + V3

Present Perfect Continuous

S + have/has been + V-ing

1. Simple Present Tense

Formula:



S + V1 (s/es)

Kullanım:

Alışkanlıklar, evrensel gerçekler, kalıcı durumlar

Examples

- + **I wake up at 6 AM every day.** (Her gün saat 6'da uyanırım.) — habitual action
- + **The sun rises in the east.** (Güneş doğudan doğar.) — universal truth
- + **She speaks three languages.** (Üç dil konuşur.) — permanent fact
- **My grandfather doesn't work.** (Büyükbabam çalışmıyor.) — negative
- ? **Do you speak Japanese?** (Japonca konuşuyor musun?) — question

Simple Present – Time Expressions



PAST

NOW

FUTURE

Always (100%)

always, every day,
every week/month/year

Usually (~80%)

usually, generally,
mostly, often, frequently

Sometimes (~50%)

sometimes, occasionally,
now and then,
from time to time

Rarely (~10%)

rarely, seldom,
hardly ever,
almost never

Never (0%)

never



Key Point: Actions don't have to be taking place now. E.g., "I am a guitarist. I play the guitar."

2. Present Continuous Tense

Formula: **S + am/is/are + V-ing**

Time Expressions:

now, at the moment, currently, these days, nowadays, look!
listen! Watch out!,...

1. Ongoing Actions

Şu an devam eden eylemler

I am reading a book.

They are playing soccer.

She is listening to music.

2. Planned Future

Yakın gelecekteki planlar

I am leaving in ten minutes.

She is starting her job next week.

What are we having for dinner?

3. Repeated Actions

Sürekli tekrarlanan eylemler (şikayet)

You are always interrupting me.

They are constantly arguing.

Stative Verbs — Progressive Tense'lerde Kullanılmaz!



Mental States

(Zihinsel Fiiller)

think, believe, remember, know, understand, recognize, doubt, expect, imagine

Emotions

(Duygu Fiilleri)

love, hate, like, dislike, desire, want, need, prefer, wish

Senses



(Duyu Fiilleri)

see, hear, smell, taste, feel

Appearance

(Görünüm Fiilleri)

look, appear, seem, sound

 I am knowing the answer.  I know the answer.

3. Present Perfect Tense

Formula: **S + have/has + V3**



Eylem geçmişte olsa bile şu an üzerinde bir etkisi vardır.

PAST

NOW

Geçmişteki Eylem → Şimdiki Sonuç

I have lost my mobile phone.

→ *I have to buy a new one.*

The doctor has gone out.

→ *You can't see him now.*

I have already seen that film.

→ *I don't want to see it again.*

Present Perfect — Usage Areas

1

Completed action (unspecified time)

I have watched that movie before. — Bu filmi daha önce izledim.

2

Past experience / repeated action

I have travelled by plane many times. — Birçok defa uçakla seyahat ettim.

3

Actions continuing until now (since/for)

I have been in Turkey since 2005. — 2005'ten beri Türkiye'deyim.

4

Ordinals + Present Perfect

This is the first time I have visited Mersin. — Bu Paris'i ilk ziyaret edişim.

5

Superlative + Present Perfect

This is the best meal I have ever eaten. — Bu şimdiye kadar yediğim en iyi yemek.

Present Perfect — Time Expressions

already

yet

just

before

ever

never

since

for

lately / recently

up to now / so far

this week / month / year

today

in the last (two months, etc.)

for the past (five years, etc.)

over the last (three days, etc.)

during the past (twenty years, etc.)

4. Present Perfect Continuous Tense

Formula: **S + have/has been + V-ing**

PAST

NOW

1. Actions continuing up to now

I have been reading for two hours.

She has been working here since 2018.

I have been living in Mersin since 2015.

2. Recently completed (visible results)

He looks tired because he has been running.

They have been painting — the room smells of fresh paint.

Present Perfect vs Present Perfect Continuous

Present Perfect Simple

Focus: Result / Completion

I have painted the wall.

(Duvarı boyadım — bitti.)

Stative verb'lerle kullanılır:

I have known her since childhood.

Present Perfect Continuous

Focus: Duration / Ongoing Process

I have been painting the wall.

(Duvarı boyuyorum — süreç devam ediyor.)


Eylemin süresi ve etkisi vurgulanır:

He looks tired — he has been running.



already, yet, just, ever, never → Present Perfect Simple ile kullanılır (tamamlanmış eylemi vurgular).

Simple Past vs Present Perfect

Aspect	Simple Past	Present Perfect
Time Reference	Specific time: I visited Paris in 2019.	Unspecified time: I have visited Paris.
Connection to Present	No connection: She lost her keys yesterday.	Has present impact: She has lost her keys.
Keywords	yesterday, last week, in 2010, ago, when	already, ever, never, just, yet, since, for
Experience vs Event	Completed event: They went to Japan last year.	Life experience: They have been to Japan.
Repeated Actions	I called him 3 times yesterday. (day over)	I have called him 3 times today. (day not over)
 <i>He never drank alcohol all his life. (He is dead.) — He has never drunk alcohol. (He is alive.)</i>		

Quick Reference — All Present Tenses

Tense	Form	Use	Example	Time Expressions
Simple Present	V1 (s/es)	Habits, facts, routines	She works every day.	always, usually, every day
Present Continuous	am/is/are + V-ing	Now, planned future, complaints	She is working now.	now, at the moment, currently
Present Perfect	have/has + V3	Experience, result,	She has been unemployed since last year.	already, yet, just, ever, since, for Lately, recently
Pres. Perfect Cont.	have/has been + V-ing	Duration, ongoing, visible effects	She has been working all day.	since, for, lately, recently

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Practice makes perfect! Keep studying and reviewing.