

	Positive statements	Negative statements	Questions	When to use	Signal words (examples)
Simple Present	subject + infinitive OR 3 rd person singular + infinitive + s I play football. He watches TV. They eat toast.	do/does + not + verb I don't play football. He doesn't watch TV. They don't eat toast.	do/does + subject + infinitive Do you play football? When does he watch TV? What do they eat ?	-repeated actions and habits -facts -schedules and timetables -instructions and directions <i>future meaning:</i> -regular actions -scheduled events -timetable future	usually, always, never, often, sometimes; every day, in the mornings, on Mondays ⚠
					-auxiliary verbs: no s in 3 rd person singular -have → 3 rd person sg. = has -be → 1 st person sg. = am; 3 rd person sg. = is; you/we/they = are -irregular endings, e.g.: washes , goes , cries , stays
Present Progressive	subject + "to be" + verb + -ing I am playing cards. She is watching TV. They are eating pizza.	subject + "to be" + not + verb + -ing I'm not playing football. She isn't watching TV. They aren't eating pizza.	"to be" + subject + verb + -ing Are you playing cards? What programme is she watching ? What are they eating ?	-action with obvious beginning and ending -actions that are taking place right now -actions that are not completed yet -trends and changes <i>future meaning:</i> -planned actions in the near future	now, at the moment, currently Look! Listen! ⚠ come – coming see – seeing run – running die – dying
					yesterday, an hour/month/year ago, last week/month/year, in 2020 When? ⚠ irregular verbs, e.g.: -to have à had -to do à did -to know à knew à See full list!
Simple Past	subject + infinitive + -ed OR subject + irregular verbform I played football. She hurried to the station. They ate chips.	subject + did not + infinitive I didn't play football. She didn't hurry to the station. They didn't eat chips.	did + subject + infinitive Did you play football? Where did she hurry ? What did they eat ?	-completed single event/action -completed event/action that happened several times -completed events/actions that happened one after another	

Past Progressive	subject + was/were + infinitive + -ing I was playing football. She was hurrying to school. They were eating pizza.	subject + was/were + not + verb + -ing I wasn't playing football. She wasn't hurrying to school. They weren't eating pizza.	were/was + subject + verb + -ing Were you playing football? Where was she hurrying ? What were they eating ?	-single action in the past that lasted some time -several actions in the past that happened independently of each other at the same time -repeated past actions that bothered the speaker	at that time; while (Konj.). I was watching TV when I heard the crash outside.
Present Perfect	subject + have/has + past participle I have never played squash. He has just opened the door. They have already eaten .	subject + have/has + not + past participle I haven't played squash before. He hasn't opened the door. They haven't eaten yet.	have/has + subject + past participle Have you ever played squash? Has he opened the door? Have they eaten their meal yet?	-completed action that influences the present -action that was just completed -action that started in the past and is not completed -action that happened never, once or multiple times	yet? (= schon?), not yet, already, just, so far, recently, since (+ Zeitpunkt), for (+ Zeitraum), ever, never (= noch nie), always (= schon immer) How long?
Present Perfect Progressive	subject + have/has been + verb + -ing I have been playing football. She has been waiting for an hour now. They have been working for hours.	subject + have/has + not + been + verb + -ing I haven't been feeling well for a week.	have/has + subject + been + verb + -ing Have you been playing football? How long has she been waiting ? Have they been working ?	-ongoing action that started in the past -action that has been going on for some time and has just ended -action that has been happening repeatedly in the past and is still happening -action that has been happening/affecting the present tense	for hours, for ages, How long?
Past Perfect	subject + had + past participle I had played football. She had opened the window. They had eaten .	subject + had + not + past participle I hadn't played football. She hadn't opened the door. They hadn't eaten .	had + subject + past participle Had you played football? Had she opened the door? What had they eaten ?	-past event that happened <u>before</u> another past event -unfulfilled wishes/ something that could have been (type-3 if-clause)	After he had done his homework, he played a game. when, after, as soon as, before, already, since, once
Past Perfect Progressive	subject + had been + verb + -ing I had been playing football. She had been waiting . They had been singing .	subject + had not been + verb + -ing We had not been watching.	had + subject + been + verb + -ing Had you been watching?	-actions that began in the past and lasted for a while -longer actions that took place before another past event	all day, for, since, the whole day / week / month / year.