

## **1. Present Simple tense.**

**This tense is used to describe habitual actions , a usual habit of a person or as a habit that action happens regularly.**

**In the English language the stem of the verb is in plural sense and also it is used as plural verb, therefore If the subject (Subject means doer of that action) is singular we must keep the verb in singular form.**

**Eg:-**

- **Nimal writes a letter.**
- **Nimal goes to school.**
- **He reads a news paper .**
- **She makes a cake .**

**If the subject is plural the verb should be plural.**

- **We go to mosque every day.**
- **They watch movies at night.**
- **You read books.**

- Nimal and his friend quarrel with the people.

If the verb ends in one of the following you must add **"es"** to the verb stem.

## Verbs Ending in

- ch** - watches
- sh** - wishes
- o** - goes
- s** - passes
- x** - mixes

If the last letter of the verb is **"y"** and followed by a consonant You must add - **"ies"** by **deleting "y"** .Vowel sounds are - **a,e,i,o & u** All the other are **constant sounds**.

## Eg for adding "ies"

- cry - **cries**
- fly - **flies**
- dry - **dries**

To make the other verbs into singular you must add only to the verb stem. **"s"**

## **2 . Present continuous tense**

**The present continuous is used to say about an action which is in progress at the moment or at the moment of speaking the action is being done.**

**To make a present continuous use the given method.**

**Subject +Is/am/are+ (infinitive)principal verb+ -ing + object or complement**

**I –am**

**She –is**

**Nimal-is**

**They – are**

**You -are**

- **I am teaching you grammar.**
- **You are not participating the lesson.**
- **You are involving activities in the office.**
- **The servant is cooking my meal.**
- **They are playing volley ball in the play ground.**
- **Nimal is preparing a document.**

### **3. Present perfect tense**

**To make a present perfect (simple) use the given method.**

**Subject +Has (with singular)/ Have (with plural) + Verb (past participle)  
+object(complement)**

**Eg**

- Nimal has written a letter.
- Pupil has done home work.
- Mother has finished cooking.
- She has gone Colombo.
- They have just finished lunch.
- She has made a cake.
- I have dressed my shirt.

**For the present perfect we can use the action which we have already done. This is also called indefinite past.**

## 4 .Present perfect continuous tense

In this situation we are going to describe an action which has been partly finished and still in progress. Here we have started the action, and still doing. In the future also we can do it . The action hasn't been finished yet.

To make a present perfect continuous use the given method.

Subject +Has (with singular) Have (with plural) + been+ Verb (infinitive)+-ing + object or complement.

Eg

I have been teaching since 1990.

You can say it in this way also

I have been teaching for 22 years.

(this means from 1990 ,up to now I'm teaching and in the future also I'm teaching. That means

Still I'm teaching.)

Sita has been writing a letter

Here the action which started in the past partly has been finished and it will be continued.

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**They have been playing in the play ground since morning.**

**My son has been studying for more than six hours.**