

TENSES:

Past Perfect Continuous: I had been watching TV before she came.

Past Perfect Simple: I had arrived before her.

Past Continuous: I was watching TV when she came.

Past Simple: I arrived at ten, just when she came.

Present Perfect Continuous: I have been thinking about it the whole night.

Present Perfect Simple: I have lost my key, I don't know where it is.

Present Continuous: I am having breakfast at the moment.

Present Simple: I usually play tennis on Monday.

Future Continuous: I will be studying math all afternoon.

Future Simple: I will go there tomorrow.

Future Perfect Continuous: We will have been living here for 20 yrs by next year.

Future Perfect Simple: I will have it done by tomorrow.

THE RULE OF CONSISTENCY!!!

PRESENT SIMPLE AND CONTINUOUS

PS: Actions in progress at the moment of speaking

+ repeated temporary actions (She is studying English in Oxford)

Key words: **NOW, AT PRESENT, AT THE MOMENT,**

PC: Repeated actions

Key words: **REGULARLY, OFTEN, ALWAYS, EVERY..., SOMETIMES, NEVER, USUALLY**

Notes: **LOVE, LIKE, HATE, WANT, NEED, PREFER, KNOW, REALISE, SUPPOSE, UNDERSTAND, BELIEVE, REMEMBER, COST, BELIEVE, SEEM** are **not used** in continuous tenses + **SEE, HEAR, SMELL, TASTE**

Exceptions: I am seeing her (tomorrow morning) x I see x I can see her
He is selfish x He is being selfish

Present tense forms are also used to refer to future time.

Beware!!! lie lay lain lying
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