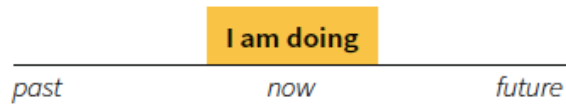


## Some more exercises to practise tenses

### *present continuous (I am doing)*

We use the continuous for things happening at or around the time of speaking. The action is not complete.



- The water **is boiling**. Be careful.
- Listen to those people. What language **are they speaking**?
- Let's go out. It **isn't raining** now.
- 'I'm busy.' 'What **are you doing**?'
- I'm **getting** hungry. Let's go and eat.
- Kate wants to work in Italy, so she's **learning** Italian.
- The population of the world **is increasing** very fast.

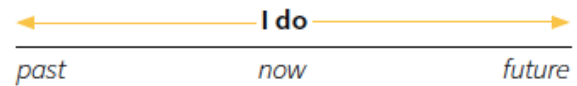
We use the continuous for *temporary* situations (things that continue for a short time):

- I'm **living** with some friends until I find a place of my own.
- A: You're **working** hard today.  
B: Yes, I have a lot to do.

See Unit 1 for more information.

### *present simple (I do)*

We use the simple for things in general or things that happen repeatedly.



- Water **boils** at 100 degrees Celsius.
- Excuse me, **do you speak** English?
- It **doesn't rain** very much in summer.
- What **do** you usually **do** at weekends?
- I always **get** hungry in the afternoon.
- Most people **learn** to swim when they are children.
- Every day the population of the world **increases** by about 200,000 people.

We use the simple for *permanent* situations (things that continue for a long time):

- My parents **live** in London. They have lived there all their lives.
- Joe isn't lazy. He **works** hard most of the time.

See Unit 2 for more information.

**3.1 Are the underlined verbs OK? Correct them where necessary.**

- 1 Water boils at 100 degrees Celsius. OK
- 2 How often are you going to the cinema? do you go
- 3 Ben tries to find a job, but he hasn't had any luck yet. .....
- 4 Martina is phoning her mother every day. .....
- 5 The moon goes round the earth in about 27 days. .....
- 6 Can you hear those people? What do they talk about? .....
- 7 What do you do in your spare time? .....
- 8 Sarah is a vegetarian. She doesn't eat meat. .....
- 9 I must go now. It gets late. .....
- 10 'Come on! It's time to leave.' 'OK, I come.' .....
- 11 Paul is never late. He's always starting work on time. .....
- 12 They don't get on well. They're always arguing. .....

**3.2 Put the verb into the correct form, present continuous or present simple.**

- 1 a I usually get ..... (I / usually / get) hungry in the afternoon.
- b I'm getting ..... (I / get) hungry. Let's go and eat something.
- 2 a '..... (you / listen) to the radio?' 'No, you can turn it off.'
- b '..... (you / listen) to the radio a lot?' 'No, not very often.'
- 3 a The River Nile ..... (flow) into the Mediterranean.
- b The river ..... (flow) very fast today – much faster than usual.
- 4 a I'm not very active. .... (I / not / do) any sport.
- b What ..... (you / usually / do) at weekends?
- 5 a Rachel is in New York right now. .... (She / stay) at the Park Hotel.
- b ..... (She / always / stay) there when she's in New York.

**3.3 Put the verb into the correct form, present continuous or present simple.**

- 1 Why are all these people here? What's happening ..... (What / happen)?
- 2 Julia is good at languages. .... (She / speak) four languages very well.
- 3 Are you ready yet? ..... (Everybody / wait) for you.
- 4 I've never heard this word. How ..... (you / pronounce) it?
- 5 Kate ..... (not / work) this week. She's on holiday.
- 6 I think my English ..... (improve) slowly. It's better than it was.
- 7 Nicola ..... (live) in Manchester. She has never lived anywhere else.
- 8 Can we stop walking soon? ..... (I / start) to get tired.
- 9 Sam and Tina are in Madrid right now. .... (They / visit) a friend of theirs.
- 10 'What ..... (your father / do)?' 'He's an architect.'
- 11 It took me an hour to get to work this morning. Most days ..... (it / not / take) so long.
- 12 I ..... (I / learn) to drive. My driving test is next month. My father ..... (teach) me.

**UNIT 3**

**3.1**

- 3 is trying
- 4 phones
- 5 OK
- 6 are they talking
- 7 OK
- 8 OK
- 9 It's getting / It is getting
- 10 I'm coming / I am coming
- 11 He always starts
- 12 OK

**3.2**

- 2 a Are you listening
- b Do you listen
- 3 a flows
- b is flowing / 's flowing
- 4 a I don't do
- b do you usually do
- 5 a She's staying / She is staying
- b She always stays

**3.3**

- 2 She speaks
- 3 Everybody's waiting / Everybody is waiting
- 4 do you pronounce
- 5 isn't working / is not working / 's not working
- 6 is improving
- 7 lives
- 8 I'm starting / I am starting
- 9 They're visiting / They are visiting
- 10 does your father do
- 11 it doesn't take
- 12 I'm learning / I am learning ...  
is teaching / 's teaching

**A**

We do not use the present perfect (**I have done**) when we talk about a *finished* time (for example, **yesterday / last year / ten minutes ago** etc.). We use a past tense:

- It **was** very cold **yesterday**. (*not has been*)
- Paul and Lucy **arrived ten minutes ago**. (*not have arrived*)
- Did you eat** a lot of sweets **when you were a child**? (*not have you eaten*)
- I **got** home late **last night**. I **was** very tired and **went** straight to bed.

Use the past to ask **When ...?** or **What time ...?**:

- When did** your friends **arrive**? (*not have ... arrived*)
- What time did** you **finish** work?

Compare:

*Present perfect*

- Tom **has lost** his key. He can't get into the house.
- Is Carla here or **has she left**?

*Past simple*

- Tom **lost** his key **yesterday**. He couldn't get into the house.
- When did** Carla **leave**?

**B**

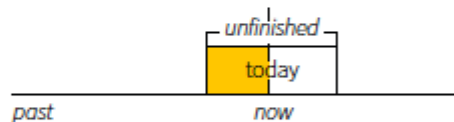
Compare:

*Present perfect (have done)*

- I **'ve done** a lot of work **today**.

We use the present perfect for a period of time that continues *until now*. For example:

**today / this week / since 2010.**



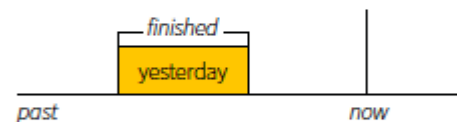
- It **hasn't rained this week**.
- Have you seen** Anna **this morning**? (it is still morning now)
- Have you seen** Ben **recently**? (in the last few days or weeks)
- I **'ve been working** here **since 2010**. (I still work here now)
- I don't know where Lisa is. I **haven't seen** her. (= I haven't seen her recently)
- We **'ve been waiting** for an hour. (we are still waiting now)
- Jack lives in Los Angeles. He **has lived** there for seven years.
- I **'ve never ridden** a horse. (in my life)
- It's the last day of your holiday. You say: It's **been** a really good holiday. I **'ve** really **enjoyed** it.*

*Past simple (did)*

- I **did** a lot of work **yesterday**.

We use the past simple for a *finished* time in the past. For example:

**yesterday / last week / from 2010 to 2014.**



- It **didn't rain last week**.
- Did you see** Anna **this morning**? (it is now afternoon or evening)
- Did you see** Ben **on Sunday**?
- I **worked** here **from 2010 to 2014**. (I don't work here now)
- A: **Was** Lisa at the party **on Sunday**?  
B: I don't think so. I **didn't see** her.
- We **waited** (*or were waiting*) for an hour. (we are no longer waiting)
- Jack **lived** in New York for ten years. Now he lives in Los Angeles.
- I **never rode** a bike **when I was a child**.
- After you come back from holiday you say: It **was** a really good holiday. I really **enjoyed** it.*

**14.1 Are the underlined parts of these sentences OK? Correct them where necessary.**

- 1 I've lost my key. I can't find it anywhere. OK
- 2 Have you eaten a lot of sweets when you were a child? Did you eat
- 3 I've bought a new car. You must come and see it. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 I've bought a new car last week. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Where have you been yesterday evening? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Maria has left school in 1999. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 I'm looking for Mike. Have you seen him? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 'Have you been to Paris?' 'Yes, many times.' \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 I'm very hungry. I haven't eaten much today. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 When has this bridge been built? \_\_\_\_\_

**14.2 Make sentences from the words in brackets. Use the present perfect or past simple.**

- 1 (it / not / rain / this week) It hasn't rained this week.
- 2 (the weather / be / cold / recently) The weather \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 (it / cold / last week) It \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 (I / not / eat / any fruit yesterday) I \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 (I / not / eat / any fruit today) \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 (Emily / earn / a lot of money / this year) \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 (she / not / earn / so much / last year) \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 (you / have / a holiday recently?) \_\_\_\_\_

**14.3 Put the verb into the correct form, present perfect or past simple.**

- 1 I haven't been (I / not / be) to Canada, but I'd like to go there.
- 2 Paul and Lucy arrived (arrive) about ten minutes ago.
- 3 I'm tired. \_\_\_\_\_ (I / not / sleep) well last night.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ (There / be) a bus drivers' strike last week, so  
\_\_\_\_\_ (there / be) no buses.
- 5 Edward \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in a bank for 15 years. Then \_\_\_\_\_  
(he / give) it up. Now he works as a gardener.
- 6 Mary lives in Dublin. \_\_\_\_\_ (She / live) there all her life.
- 7 My grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ (die) before I was born. \_\_\_\_\_  
(I / never / meet) him.
- 8 I don't know Karen's husband. \_\_\_\_\_ (I / never / meet) him.
- 9 It's nearly lunchtime, and \_\_\_\_\_ (I / not / see) Martin all morning. I wonder  
where he is.
- 10 A: \_\_\_\_\_ (you / go) to the cinema last night?  
B: Yes, but the movie \_\_\_\_\_ (be) awful.
- 11 A: \_\_\_\_\_ (It / be) very warm here since we arrived.  
B: Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ (it / be) 35 degrees yesterday.
- 12 A: Where do you live? B: In Boston.  
A: How long \_\_\_\_\_ (you / live) there? B: Five years.  
A: Where \_\_\_\_\_ (you / live) before that? B: In Chicago.  
A: And how long \_\_\_\_\_ (you / live) in Chicago? B: Two years.

## UNIT 7

### 7.1

- 2 Her English has improved.
- 3 My bag has disappeared.
- 4 Lisa has broken her leg.
- 5 The bus fare has gone up.
- 6 Dan has grown a beard.
- 7 It's stopped raining. / It has stopped raining.
- 8 My sweater has shrunk. / My sweater's shrunk.

### 7.2

- |        |        |
|--------|--------|
| 2 been | 4 gone |
| 3 gone | 5 been |

### 7.3

- 2 Have you seen it
- 3 I've forgotten / I have forgotten
- 4 he hasn't replied
- 5 has it finished
- 6 The weather has changed
- 7 You haven't signed
- 8 have they gone
- 9 He hasn't decided yet
- 10 I've just seen her / I have just seen her
- 11 He's already gone / He has already gone
- 12 Has your course started yet

*You can also use the past simple (**Did** you **see**, he **didn't reply** etc.) in this exercise.*