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English language

First stage

Lecture 1

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What Are the English Tenses ?

There are only three basic tenses in the English language: the past, the present and the future.

- The past tense is used for anything that happened before this moment in time.
- The present tense is used for anything that happens right now or for general statements.
- The future tense is used for anything that will happen at some point later than right now.

These tenses have a few variations that make them more specific and talk about the exact time during which actions happen.

All three tenses have two main types of variations: simple and continuous.

- The continuous tenses in English are used for actions that happen repeatedly over a period of time.
- The simple tenses are used for... everything else!

Present simple

The present simple tense is mostly used for three things:

1. To describe things that are permanent or unchanging.
2. To describe how often something happens.
3. To talk about scheduled events.

Examples -:

- Water freezes at zero degrees.
- We catch the bus every morning.

Words that sometimes come in sentences in the simple present tense -:

- Always
- Often
- Usually
- Sometime
- Never
- Every (hour, week, month, year...,etc).

Affirmative :

She

He + v.(s)

It

Ex:- she eats her lunch .

They

We + v. base

You

Ex:- they eat their lunch .

Negative:

She

He + does not (doesn't) + v. base

It

Ex:- she doesn't eat her lunch

They

We + do not (don't) + v. base

You

I

Ex:- they don't eat their lunch

Question

Does + She + v. base?...
He

It

Ex: Does she eat her breakfast?
-Yes, she does.
-No, she doesn't.

Do + they + v. base..?

We

You

Ex: - Do you eat your lunch?

-yes, I do.

-No, I don't .

Exercise – Fill in the blanks with the simple present tense form of the verbs given in brackets

1. The teacher ___ to speak to Ali. (want)
2. The Earth ___ around the Sun. (revolve)
3. The baby ___ all day. (cry)
4. The flight ___ at 8 o'clock in the morning. (leave)
5. The teacher ___ the parents today. (meet)
6. Hema ___ badminton every evening. (play)
7. Tony ___ to guitar lessons every Sunday. (go)
8. Cows ___ us milk. (give)
9. The nurse ___ of my grandfather. (take care)
10. The boys ___ hard to get good grades. (study)

A - An

- (a) It comes before singular nouns beginning with consonant (حرف ساكن او حرف صحيح)

Ex: a dog, a car, a hotel

- (an) comes before singular nouns beginning with vowel (حرف علة)

Ex: an elephant, an orange

Vowel sounds: (a, e, i, o,u)

Exercise about a-an

- 1 _____ child is crying on the other side of the street. (a,an)
- 2 do you want _____ ice cream (a)
- 3 does the monkey eat _____ apple (a,an)

Social expressions

Exercise - choose the correct answer from box

(good luck see you later same to you good idea what about you No, of course not)

A- _____ in your exam!

B- _____ . I hope we both pass .

A- Did you go out last night?

B- _____ . I went to bed early? _____ .

A- Me too ,

_____ after the exam. Let's go for a drink.

B- _____ -