

The simple present tense is used:

- When you are referring to habitual actions--actions that you always or never do
- When you are referring to unchanging truths
- When you are making general statements of fact

Examples:

- (habit) He always comes late to class.
- I visit my uncle every Friday
- (unchanging truth) The sun rises in the morning
- Cats hate mice.
- (general statement of fact) They are friendly

Indicators : Always, whenever, everyday, usually, often, frequently, sometimes, rarely, occasionally, never.

James (**be**) a taxi driver. He (**drive**) a taxi. But on Sundays he (**not/ drive**) his taxi.

He(**stay**) at home.

The verb *be, drive, stay* are in the simple present.

The simple past tense is used :

- When an activity or situation *began* and *ended* at a particular time in the past-- in other words, when an activity or situation is completed in the past
- To refer to past habits

Examples:

- (Completed action in the past) He was late to class yesterday.
- Christoph Columbus discovered America in 1492.
- (Completed action in the past) We arrived three weeks ago.
- (Past habit) She always wrote a letter to her mother on Sunday night.

Indicators: Last night, week, year, month, Saturday, semester, etc.

Yesterday, ago

Put the sentences into simple past.

1. We move to a new house. →
2. They bring a sandwich. →
3. He doesn't do the homework. →
4. They sell cars. →
5. Does he visit his friends? →

The future tense is used:

- To indicate that an activity or event will take place at a time in the future

The simple future is formed as follows:

Will / 'll + Verb

will = 'll

The affirmative form of the simple future:

I, you, he, she, it, we, they | will / 'll | go.

Examples:

- I think I'll **buy** a new computer.
- I **will open** the door. Someone is ringing the bell.
- Next week, we **will work** together.

- I **will not stay** at home if I finish the homework.
- I **won't visit** Big Ben if I go to London.

Will not = won't

Indicators:

Tomorrow, Next Saturday, week, year, month, semester.....

Exercise: Put the verbs into the correct form.

- We sometimes (read) books.
- The boy (get) only good marks last year.
- She (write) this exercise 2 weeks ago.
- It often (rain) on Sundays.
- We (do) it tomorrow.
- We (rest) in the mountains last winter.
- I always (hurry) to the bus stop.
- They (work) harder next year.
- Last year I (go) to England on holiday.
- Where (spend / you)your last holiday?
- How oldin 2050? (Harry / be)