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Course # 242-40660

English Grammar Refresher B1-B2

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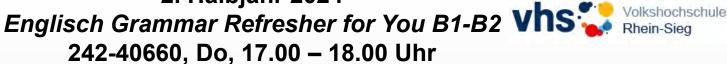
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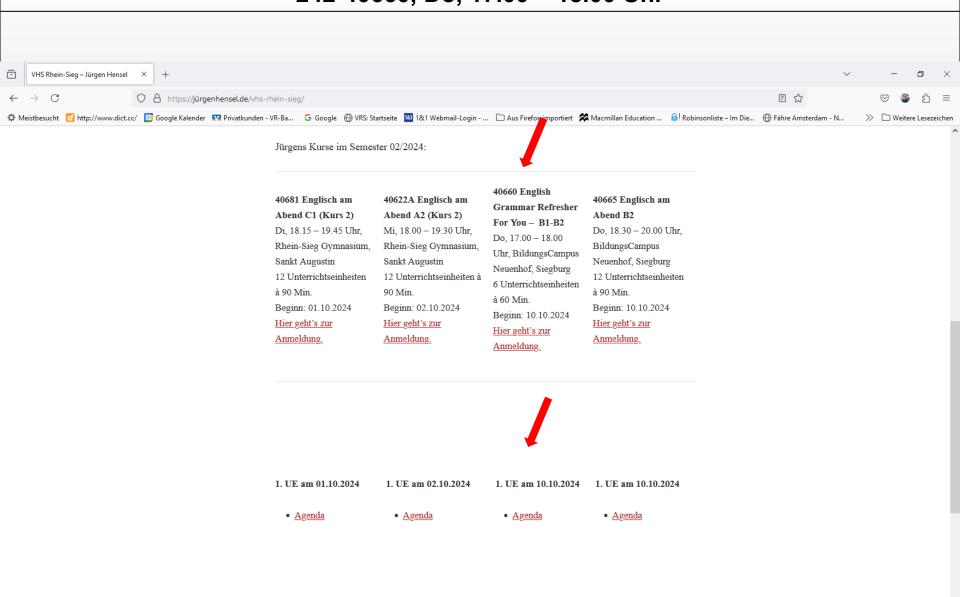


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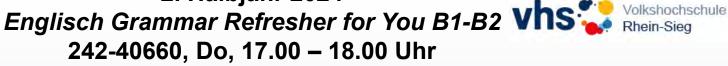
#### **Objectives 10/10/24:**

Revise and practise

- the present tense,
- present perfect and
  - past tense







#### What tenses do you know?

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Present perfect

Past tense

Past perfect

Future tense I

Future tense II

The weather is nice.

I have finished my homework.

Barack Obama was the 44th president of the United States.

I had watched the news before I went to bed.

I will stay home tomorrow.

We will have eaten dinner by the time you arrive.

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What tenses do you know?

Present tense

The weather is nice.

# 242-40660, Do, 17.00 – 18.00 Uhr What tenses do you know? a) is used to describe something that constitutes a (regular) status:

Spiders have eight legs. Insects do not/don't have eight legs.

The Eiffel Tower is in Paris. The Tower Bridge is not in Paris.

Jeff gets up a 6 o'clock. Tim does not/doesn't get up at 6 o'clock.

You are listening to me. (ongoing process)

He **is working** on a project this week. (temporary action)

I am having dinner with my boss tomorrow.

The climate **is getting** warmer.

With the introduction of AI, technology is advancing rapidly.

d) is used to describe ongoing trends or changes:

continuous/progressive form.

In these cases (b, c, d), the present tense is used in the

To describe a status, the present tense uses the **simple** form.

b) is used to describe an ongoing process or a temporary action:

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c) is used to describe future arrangements: What elements are used continuous/progressive form in the present tense? The form of **to be** corresponding to the **subject** of the sentence + the **present participle** (-ing form)

of the sentence's the main verb (= the sentence's **predicate**)

Present tense

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#### The present tense

Translate: (using the present tense)

Wir schauen uns normalerweise die Tagesschau um 8 Uhr an.

We normally watch the Tagesschau at 8 o'clock.

Was machst du (gerade)?

What are you doing?

Ich wohne in Siegburg.

I live in Siegburg.

Die Zeiten werden härter.

Times are getting harder.

Gewöhnlich regnet's im November.

It usually rains in November.

"Wie ist das Wetter?" - "Es regnet."

"What's the weather like?" - "It's raining."

Wir spielen morgen Fußball.

We are playing football tomorrow.

Ich habe kein Auto.

I don't have a car.

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What tenses do you know?

Present perfect

I have finished my homework.

What elements are used to build the present perfect?

The form of the auxiliary (Hilfsverb) to have corresponding to the subject of the sentence + the past participle of the sentence's the main verb (= the sentence's predicate)

**Note:** In English, like in German, **to have** can appear as both an auxiliary and a full verb: He **has** a car. In the latter case, both variants are used to build the present perfect: "He **has** (auxiliary) **had** (full verb in the past participle) a car since he was 20 years old."

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I have always lived in Germany. (I still live in Germany.)

I have never been to Africa. (from the past until the present time)

I have been waiting for twenty minutes. (I am still waiting.)

Have you ever been to Australia?

a) is used to express actions or states that began in the past but

Present perfect

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have not been completed yet/are still ongoing:

b) is used to express actions or states that happened in the past but have a connection or relevance to the present:

I have finished my homework. (It is still finished)

She has lost her keys. (...and still has not found them)

Note: Other than in the German language, the present perfect and the past tense are not interchangeable in English.

German: Ich war gestern in Bonn. - Ich bin gestern in Bonn gewesen.

Adverbs of frequency that indicate the use of either the present tense or the present perfect include: always, never, often, usually (present tense), ever (present perfect).

I always/usually eat lunch at noon. I have always liked icecream.

We never have coffee for breakfast. He has never been to Paris.

We often have lunch together. He has often travelled to Paris.

English: I was in Bonn yesterday. (But: I have been in/to Bonn since yesterday.)

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#### The present perfect

Translate: (using the present perfect)

Sie war schon immer sehr schüchtern.

She has always been very shy.

Ich war noch niemals in New York.

I have never been to New York.

Warst du schon mal in Australien?

Have you (ever) been to Australia?

Ich warte hier schon zwei Stunden.

I have already been waiting here for two hours.

Ich wohne seit dem letzten Jahr in Siegburg

I have lived in Siegburg since last year.

I habe John in der letzten Zeit häufiger getroffen.

I have met John quite often recently.

Die Brille, die ich letzte Woche verlegt habe, habe ich noch nicht gefunden.

I still have not found the glasses that I misplaced last week.

Note: Even if the present or past tense are used in colloquial German, the present perfect may be the only option acceptable in English!

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What tenses do you know?

Past tense

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#### What tenses do you know?

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a) is used to describe actions or states that happened and were finished

in the past:

conditions that existed in the past:

c) is used in reported speech:

Note: to describe something that happened during an ongoing process in the past, the action that

started first is presented in the progressive form, the later action uses the simple form:

We had a barbecue yesterday. (The barbecue is over.)

They went to the beach last week. (They are no longer at the beach.)

When we were in Italy, we always had tea for breakfast.

He used to play the piano every day after school.

Our first car was a VW

She said: "I like icecream". She said that she **liked** icecream.

He said: "I am watching the football match". He said that he **was watching** the football match.

While we were having dinner, it started to rain.

The phone **rang** when he **was having** a shower.

b) is used to describe past habits, repeated actions or states or

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#### The past tense

Complete with the correct form of the verb in the past tense:

Put into reported speech:

Translate:

Yesterday, I (to eat) pizza for dinner.

Yesterday, I ate pizza for dinner.

When they (to play) chess, a thunderstorm (to come up). When they were playing chess, a thunderstorm came up.

She said: "I am interested in music."

She said that she was interested in music. John said: "I don't have a car."

John said that he didn't have a car.

The tour guide asked: "Are you ready?"

The tour guide asked if we/they were ready.

Er hatte einen Unfall, als er nach hause fuhr.

He had an accident when he was driving home.

Erst ist er gestern in's Kino gegangen,

dann hat er seinen Autoschlüssel verloren

Yesterday, he first went to the movies, then he lost his car key.

Er fragte den Kellner, wo die Toilette sei.

He asked the waiter where the toilet/restroom was...