

## What tenses do you know?

Present tense

The weather **is** nice.

Present perfect

I **have finished** my homework.

Past tense

Barack Obama **was** the 44<sup>th</sup> president of the United States.

Past perfect

I **had watched** the news before I went to bed.

Future tense I

I **will** stay home tomorrow.

Future tense II

We **will have eaten** dinner by the time you arrive.

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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** at 6 o'clock. Tim **does not/doesn't get up** at 6 o'clock.*

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

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

*You **are listening** to me. (ongoing process)*

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

c) is used to describe future arrangements:

*I **am having** dinner with my boss tomorrow.*

d) is used to describe ongoing trends or changes:

*The climate **is getting** warmer.*

*With the introduction of AI, technology **is advancing** rapidly.*

In these cases (b, c, d), the present tense is used in the **continuous/progressive form**.

What elements are used for the 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 main verb (= the sentence's **predicate**)

## 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.*