

Grammar Rules of Verb Tenses

Simple Present

Simple present is used to talk about routines. For example what we do every day - drink coffee, eat breakfast, take a shower, drive to work etc.

It looks like this:

Affirmative form:

I cook dinner.
You cook dinner.
He cooks dinner.
She cooks dinner.
It cooks dinner.
We cook dinner.
They cook dinner.

Negative form:

I don't cook.
You don't cook.
He doesn't cook,
She doesn't cook.
It doesn't cook.
We don't cook.
They don't cook.



Question form:

Do I cook dinner?

Does he cook dinner?

Does she cook dinner?

Does it cook dinner?

Do you cook dinner?

Do we cook dinner?

Do they cook dinner?

Yes you do/No you don't
Yes he does/No he doesn't
Yes she does/No she doesn't
Yes it does/No it doesn't
Yes you do/No you don't
Yes we do/No we don't
Yes they do/No they don't



Present Progressive

Present progressive is used to talk about right now. What you are doing right now. For example - drinking coffee, eating breakfast, taking a shower, driving to work etc.

It looks like this:

verb to be + verb + ing

Affirmative form:

I am cooking dinner.
You are cooking dinner.
He is cooking dinner.
She is cooking dinner.
It is cooking dinner.
We are cooking dinner.
They are cooking dinner.

Negative Form:

I'm not cooking dinner.
You aren't cooking dinner.
He isn't cooking
She isn't cooking
It isn't cooking.
We aren't cooking.
They aren't cooking.



Question Form:

Am I cooking dinner?
Are you cooking dinner?
Is he cooking dinner?
Is she cooking dinner?
Is it cooking dinner?
Are we cooking dinner?
Are they cooking dinner?

Yes you are/no you aren't
Yes I am/no I'm not
Yes he is/no he isn't
Yes she is/no she isn't
Yes it is/no it isn't
Yes we are/no we aren't
Yes they are/no they aren't



Simple Past Tense

The simple past tense is used to talk about something that happened in the past and was completed in the past. For example - drank coffee, ate breakfast, took a shower, and drove to work.

The simple past verb is changed by adding ed to the simple present verb as in **cooked** or by making a new word as in **ate**. When we change the word like in **ate** that is called an irregular verb and of course must be memorized.

Affirmative Form

I cooked dinner.
You cooked dinner.
He cooked dinner.
She cooked dinner.
It cooked dinner.
We cooked dinner.
They cooked dinner.

Negative Form:

I didn't cook dinner.
You didn't cook dinner
He didn't cook dinner.
She didn't cook dinner.
It didn't cook dinner.
We didn't cook dinner.
They didn't cook dinner.



Question form:

Did I cook dinner?
Did you cook dinner?
Did he cook dinner?
Did she cook dinner?
Did it cook dinner?
Did we cook dinner?
Did they cook dinner?

Yes you did/no you didn't
Yes I did/no I didn't
Yes he did/no he didn't
Yes she did/no she didn't
Yes it did/no it didn't
Yes we did/no we didn't
Yes they did/no they didn't