

Verb Tenses

Tense	Example	Use	Grammar Reference
Present Simple	<i>Kate plays tennis every Saturday. Kate speaks four languages. Young people like trendy clothes. The train arrives at 8.25.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - when something happens regularly, often, always, never - when we talk about jobs, hobbies, abilities - when we talk about something permanent - when a future event is a fixed part of a timetable 	C1 Unit 4; C2 Unit 1 C2 Unit 4
Present Progressive	<i>Kate is playing tennis. Kate is playing tennis next Monday.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - when an action or event is just now in progress and is not yet complete - when something is definitely planned or arranged for the future 	C1 Unit 2 C2 Unit 4
Present Perfect	<i>Kate has played tennis.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - when we want to say that something has happened (not when it happened) The emphasis is on the result! - when we want to say how long a state has already lasted 	C1 Unit 8; C2 Unit 3
Present Perfect Progressive	<i>Kate has been playing tennis.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - when an action or event began in the past and has continued up to (or almost up to) the present The emphasis is on how long the event has continued. 	C2 Unit 3
Past Simple	<i>Kate played tennis yesterday.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - when we want to say when something happened - when we talk about things in the past or tell a story 	C1 Unit 6; C2 Unit 1
Past Progressive	<i>Kate was playing tennis.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - when an action or event was in progress at a particular time in the past 	C2 Unit 1
going to-Future	<i>Kate is going to play tennis. Look at those dark clouds. It's going to rain.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - when we talk about intentions or plans for the future - when something will very probably happen because there are already signs of it happening 	C1 Unit 5, C2 Unit 4
will-Future	<i>I think Kate will play tennis. "I'll close the window."</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a prediction or an assumption about the future - a spontaneous decision, an offer or a promise 	C1 Unit 9, C2 Unit 4