

Review of verb tenses

Simple present tense	
Uses:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • things that are always true
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • habits and actions that happen repeatedly
Examples:	
	<i>Affirmative statements</i>
	My name is Fatima.
	We study English at University.
	She takes the bus to school everyday.
	<i>Negative statements</i>
	My name isn't Fatima. / My name is not Fatima.
	We don't study English at University. / We do not study English at University.
	She doesn't take the bus to school everyday. / She does not take the bus to school everyday.
	<i>(Interrogatives) Questions</i>
	Is your name Fatima?
	Do we study English at University?
	Does she take the bus to school everyday?

Present progressive/continuous tense	
Uses:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • actions that happen at or closely around the time when we speak
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (can also be used to indicate the future)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbs we <i>DO NOT</i> (usually) use in the progressive: hate, know, like, love, mean, need, prefer, seem, understand, want, agree, believe, depend, matter, mind, recognize, remember
Examples:	
	<i>Affirmative statements</i>
	I am studying English.
	Abdullah is talking on the phone.
	We are playing football.
	<i>Negative statements</i>
	I am not studying English.
	Abdullah isn't talking on the phone. / Abdullah is not talking on the phone.
	We aren't playing football. / We are not playing football.
	<i>(Interrogatives) Questions</i>
	Are you studying English?
	Is Abdullah talking on the phone?
	Are we playing football?

Present Perfect tense	
Uses:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> actions that began in the past and may continue into the present
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> actions that have recently finished and have importance now
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>for</i> and <i>since</i> are often used with the present perfect (also <i>just</i>, <i>already</i>, and <i>yet</i>)
Examples:	
<i>Affirmative statements</i>	
<i>for</i>	I have lived in Al Ain for 20 years.
<i>since</i>	I have lived in Al Ain since 1996.
<i>for</i>	She has known him for many years.
<i>since</i>	She has known him since she was a child.
<i>for</i>	Fatima and Huda have been here for an hour.
<i>since</i>	Fatima and Huda have been here since 11 o'clock.
<i>Negative statements</i>	
<i>for</i>	I haven't lived in Al Ain for 20 years. / I have not lived in Al Ain for 20 years.
<i>since</i>	I haven't lived in Al Ain since 1996. / I have not lived in Al Ain since 1996.
<i>for</i>	She hasn't seen him for many years. / She has not seen him for many years.
<i>since</i>	She hasn't seen him since she was a child. / She has not seen him since she was a child.
<i>for</i>	Fatima and Huda haven't been here for an hour. / Fatima and Huda have not been here for an hour.
<i>since</i>	Fatima and Huda haven't been here since 11 o'clock. / Fatima and Huda have not been here since 11 o'clock.
<i>(Interrogatives) Questions</i>	
<i>for</i>	Have you lived in Al Ain for 20 years?
<i>since</i>	Have you lived in Al Ain since 1996?
<i>for</i>	Has she known him for many years?
<i>since</i>	Has she known him since she was a child?
<i>for</i>	Have Fatima and Huda been here for an hour?
<i>since</i>	Have Fatima and Huda been here since 11 o'clock?

Simple Past tense	
Uses:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to talk about complete finished actions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to talk about when things happened in the past
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to talk about things that happened one after another in the past
Examples:	
<i>Affirmative statements</i>	
	Ahmed ate dinner at 3 o'clock.

	Noura and my sister drove to Dubai yesterday.
	She parked the car next to the trees.
	<i>Negative statements</i>
	Ahmed didn't eat dinner at 3 o'clock. / Ahmed did not eat dinner at 3 o'clock
	Noura and my sister didn't drive to Dubai yesterday. / Noura and my sister did not drive to Dubai yesterday.
	She didn't park the car next to the trees. / She did not park the car next to the trees.
	<i>(Interrogatives) Questions</i>
	Did Ahmed eat dinner at 3 o'clock?
	Did Noura and my sister drive to Dubai yesterday?
	Did she park the car next to the trees?

Past progressive/continuous tense	
Uses:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to talk about actions which were unfinished at a past time • to say what was happening (or not happening) around a past time • the simple and progressive past are often used together. <i>While</i> and <i>When</i> are often used when the simple and progressive are used together.
Examples:	
	<i>Affirmative statements</i>
	I was talking when the phone rang.
	We were singing while it rained.
	Aisha was sleeping on the bus.
	<i>Negative statements</i>
	I wasn't talking when the phone rang. / I was not talking when the phone rang.
	We weren't singing while it rained. / We were not singing while it rained.
	Aisha wasn't sleeping on the bus. / Aisha was not sleeping on the bus.
	<i>(Interrogatives) Questions</i>
	Was I Talking when the phone rang?
	Were we singing while it rained?
	Was Aisha sleeping on the bus?