

Tenses use cases

Present Simple - Habits
She only eats fish. - Repeated actions
 - General facts
 - Schedules

Present Continuous - Act. happening now
He's playing a guitar. - Temp. situations
 - Trends
 - Arranged future

Present Perfect - Action result
I have just finished my work. - Experience
 - Not yet finished
I have lived in Minsk since 2014. - Duration (till now)
 - Undefined time
 - News

Past Simple - Completed action
We saw a good film last week (time is known)

Past Continuous - Background action
 I was eating when she came. - Was in progress when another act. interrupted
 - Was in progress at a stated time in past

Future Simple
I will do it next day. - Spontaneous (**will**)
She's going to leave. - Intention (**going to**)
I'm having a meeting tomorrow. - Fixed arrangement (**Present Cont.**)
 - Schedule
 My train leaves today at 9pm. (**Present Simple**)

Passive voice

Usage
 - Doer is not important or unknown
 - Actions of processes or systems

Form
 - **Present:** am/is/are + V3/-ed
 - **Pr. Cont.:** am/is/are + being + V3/-ed
 - **Pr. Perfect:** has/have + been + V3/-ed
 - **Past:** was/were + V3/-ed
 - **Future:** will + be + V3/-ed
 - **Modals:** can/must/etc. + be + V3/-ed

Conditionals

First conditional - real situation
 - Future plans / Predictions / Warnings
 - *If + present tense, will/might + verb*

Second conditional - unreal situation
 - Imagined, hypothetical situation in either **present or future**
 - *If + past tense, would + verb*

Conjunctions

If / In case / When / As long as / Unless

Verb patterns (gerund / infinitive)

Gerund - consider
 - delay
 - stop (=quit)
 - risk
 - avoid
 - remember (past)
 - try (experiment)

To + infinitive - manage
 - prefer
 - need
 - want
 - fail
 - agree
 - afford
 - remember (future)
 - try (effort)

Verb patterns (gerund / infinitive) (cont)

- **Gerund** - suggest
 - **(that) + subj. + verb** - propose
 - recommend
 - advice

Modal Verbs

must - Strong obligation
 - Logical conclusion

must not - Prohibition

should - Soft obligation
 - Advice
 - Logical conclusion

can - Ability
 - Permission
 - Possibility

could - Ability in past
 - Polite permission
 - Possibility

may / might - Permission
 - Probability

need to - Necessity (persons choice)

have to - Necessity (external reason)

don't have to - It's not necessary

Guesses

may **Past action:**
might - modal + have ~~has~~ + V3
could **Moment of speaking:**
must - modal + be + Ving

State verbs

❶ Not used with continuous

guess	depend	hate	suppose
know	need	belong	understand
involve	include	prefer	want
mean	require	contain	possess
sound	seem	agree	believe

Linkers

To speak about what we want **to achieve**
to
in order to + base form+ **for** + gerund
so as to

To speak about what we want **to avoid**
in order not to + base form
so as not to

To say what we **want** or others **to get**
so that + subj. + **can/could/will/would**
 + base form

To show **a reason** for using/doing smth.
in case + subj. + verb

If we want to **enumerate** a set of items

- *First of all / Firstly / To begin with ...*
- *Second / Secondly / Then ...*
- *Third / Thirdly / After that ...*
- *The next stage ...*
- *Finally / To sum up / In conclusion / Last but not least ...*

If we want to **add** something to the previous sentence

- Also / Moreover / Further / Furthermore / Besides / In addition to / Additionally*

Articles

a / an ❶ *Singular, countable nouns*
 - Talking for the **first time**
 - Talk about **people's jobs**
 - Talk about smth. in a **general way**

the - Noun for a **second time**
 - With **specific nouns**
 - With **superlatives: (the most ...)**
 - With **regions and natural places**

no article - **Plural, uncountable nouns in a general way**
 - With **countries, states, cities**
 ❶ *But the US, the Netherlands, other "plural" / "partial" countries*

Opinion Phrases

I (really) think ... I believe (that) ...

I reckon/suppose ... I do believe ...

I could be wrong, but .. As I see it, ...

I tend to think that ... If you ask me, ...

Frankly, ... My view is that ...

Off the top of my head, ...

I would seem to me that ...

I tend towards the opinion ...

I'd say/guess/imagine that ...

In my (humble) opinion ... (IMHO)

For me, From my point of view, ...

To my mind / To my way of thinking, ...

Personally speaking / Speaking of myself, ...



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