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Tenses tell us about the time of the action with respect to current time. Verb changes its form with tenses.

Three basic tenses:

**Present Tense:** Present tense is used for anything which is happening at the current moment of time or something which happens regularly.

**Past Tense:** Past tense is used for an action that has happened before the current moment of time.

**Future Tense:** Future tense is used for an action that is going to happen later with respect to the current moment of time.

Each basic tense has 4 other subtenses:

1. Simple
2. Continuous
3. Perfect
4. Perfect Continuous

### Present Simple Tense:

Present simple tense is used:

- To refer to actions which have been happening regularly
- To refer to things which are permanent or universal truth.
- To refer to habits.
- To refer to situations which are persistent and are not changing.

E.g.

The Sun rises from the east.

I go to school.

The Taj Mahal is in Agra.

### **Rules:**

#### **Affirmative form**

1. Add "s" or "es" when the subject (who is doing the action) is a singular and third person.

**E.g.**

**Incorrect:** He go to school.

**Correct:** He **goes** to school. (*"He" is singular third person so "s" or "es" should be added to the verb "go"*)

2. When the subject is plural or first or second person then present form of the verb is used as it is.

**E.g.**

**Incorrect:** They goes to school.

**Correct:** They go to school.

Subject +	Verb (Go) + remaining sentence
They, I, We, You, Two or more persons e.g. Tom and Tim	Present form of the verb. E.g. I <b>go</b> to school.
He, She, It, Single person like Tom	"s" or "es" is added at the end. E.g. He <b>goes</b> to school.

**Negative form :**

1. Use "does not" when the subject is a singular third person.

**E.g.**

**Incorrect:** My brother do not go to school.

**Correct:** My brother does not go to school.

2. Use "do not" when the subject is first person, second person or plural.

**E.g.**

**Incorrect:** Amit and Sumit does not go to school.

**Correct:** Amit and Sumit do not go to school.

Subject +	Helping verb +	Verb (Go) + remaining sentence
They, I, We, You, Two or more persons e.g. Tom and Tim	do not	Simple form of the verb. E.g. I do not <b>go</b> to school.
He, She, It, Single person like Tom	does not	Simple form of the verb. E.g. He does not <b>go</b> to school.

**Simple Questions:**

1. Bring helping verb in front, keeping the entire sentence same.

2. Use "does" when the subject is a singular third person.

**E.g.**

**Incorrect:** Do he go to school?

**Correct:** Does he go to school?

3. Use "do" when the subject is first person, second person or plural.

**E.g.**

**Incorrect:** Does they go to school?

**Correct:** Do they go to school?

Helping Verb +	Subject +	Verb (Go) + remaining sentence
Do	They, I, We, You, Two or more persons e.g. Tom and Tim	Simple form of the verb. E.g. Do you go to school?
Does	He, She, It, Single person like Tom	Simple form of the verb. E.g. Does he go to school.

**Questions asking information:**

1. Sentence will start with question word seeking information like what, when, where, how etc
2. Proceeded by helping verb and then the entire sentence.
3. Use "does" when the subject is a singular third person.

**E.g.**

**Incorrect:** When do he go to school?

**Correct:** When does he go to school?

4. Use "do" when the subject is first person, second person or plural.

**E.g.**

**Incorrect:** How does they go to school?

**Correct:** How do they go to school?

Interrogative word +	Helping Verb +	Subject +	Verb (Go) + remaining sentence
When, What, How etc	Do	They, I, We, You, Two or more persons e.g. Tom and Tim	Simple form of the verb. E.g. When do you go to school?
When, What, How etc	Does	He, She, It, Single person like Tom	Simple form of the verb. E.g. When does he go to school.

**Usage of which** is slightly different :

**Which + Object + Helping Verb + Rest of the sentence**

**Which book** do you like?

**Which school** do you go to?

or

**In which school** do you study?