“Do not believe what your teacher tells you merely out of respect for the teacher”

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MIND YOUR LANGUAGE

Hi friends. We are HOPPER & CROCKY. Learn all about tenses with simple explanations and lots of examples. Future Tense will be decided next week...

VARIOUS FORMS OF PRESENT TENSE

SIMPLE PRESENT

Purpose: Here, the action is occurring at present.

Rule: Subject + (Verb 1st Form) + Object

Keywords: Always, usually, generally, every time, etc.

EXAMPLES:

- We watch a movie every night.
- She often fills the register.
- She never eats before office.
- He usually puts up a lot.
- The Earth receives mass
- We fix it. Burn not your house to fright the mice away.
- It is in trouble.
- He plans to quit his job soon
to avoid jail time.
- I usually get up at 6 AM.

PRESENT PERFECT

Purpose: Here, the action has just started some time ago but has not finished.

Rule: Subject + has/has been + Verb+ing + Object

Keywords: already, just, only, never, never, still, since, for a particular time, for a certain time

EXAMPLES:

- I haven’t eaten lunch today.
- We have been to Canada.

CONTINUOUS

Purpose: Here, the action started some time ago and is still ongoing.

Rule: Subject + has been + Verb+ing + Object

Keywords: already, just, only, never, never, still, since, for a particular time, for a duration of time

EXAMPLES:

- She has lived here all her life.
- She has been finding the dress since
- It is in trouble.
- He plans to quit his job soon
to avoid jail time.
- I usually get up at 6 AM.

IRREGULAR VERBS

Purpose: Here, the action is occurring at present.

Rule: Subject + (Verb 1st Form) + Verb+ing + Object

Keywords: already, just, only, never, never, still, since, for a particular time, for a duration of time

EXAMPLES:

- I have been reading articles on different topics since
- It is in trouble.
- He plans to quit his job soon
to avoid jail time.
- I usually get up at 6 AM.

PRESENT TENSE QUIZ

1. Choose the correct form.

- There are many readers in the library.
- There are few readers in the library.

ANSWERS

2. Put the verbs into the correct form.

- I ___________ (to like) lemonade very much.
- She ___________ (to enjoy) music.
- She ___________ (to hate) chocolate.

ANSWERS

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ANSWERS

10. They ___________ their favourite

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PAST TENSE QUIZ

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- They always ___________ after school.
- They ___________ after school.

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UNTERSTANDING PRESENT TENSE AND PAST TENSE

PRESENT TENSE

- I usually get up at 6 AM.
- She usually finds the dress since
- It is in trouble.
- He plans to quit his job soon
to avoid jail time.
- I usually get up at 6 AM.

PAST TENSE

- He is reading various kinds
- of books.
- She is working at 6 AM.
- She is finding the dress since
- It is in trouble.
- He is planning to quit his job soon
to avoid jail time.
- I usually get up at 6 AM.

PRESENT TENSE

- I have been finding the dress since
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PAST TENSE

- She has been finding the dress since
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5 Tech terms you must know

UI: User Interface. Every part of a machine that users interact with, like displays, screens, keyboards, mouse/trackpads, etc.

Wireframe: Sketch of what a website/app will look like, within large sets of data with the goal of extracting useful information from the site.

Cookies: Small files that a computer will use to remember a user’s identity after being on a website.

Broadcast: When people talk about radio, they are really talking about the ability of radio waves to transmit information into the air. A radio station can broadcast to hundreds or thousands of people at the same time.

Data mining: The processes by which data is extracted and classified into large sets of data with the goal of extracting useful information from the site.

Queries relating to language skills

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