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## Grammar Reference

### Verb tense-statements

#### Simple Present

**Use:** We use **the simple present** to talk about something that happens regularly or something that is generally true.

Form & Example	
<b>Positive</b>	
Subject + Verb + ...	PUC SPEL Online <b>allows</b> busy people to improve their English language.
<b>Wh-question</b>	
Wh-word + do/does + subject + verb (base form) + ... +?	<b>What does</b> PUC SPEL Online <b>allow</b> busy people to do?
<b>Yes/no question</b>	
Do/does + subject + verb (base form) + ... +?	<b>Does</b> PUC SPEL Online <b>allow</b> busy people to improve their English language?

#### Present continuous

**Use:** We use **the present continuous** to talk about an action happening at the moment of speaking or that the speaker is in the middle of doing.

Form & Example	
<b>Positive</b>	
Subject + to be (am/is/are) + <i>verb-ing</i> + ...	The Cambodian economy <b>is recovering</b> after one-year slump.
<b>Wh-question</b>	
Wh-word + to be (am/is/are) + subject + <i>verb-ing</i> + ... +?	<b>How is</b> the Cambodian economy <b>recovering</b> ?
<b>Yes/no question</b>	

To be (am/is/are) + subject + <i>verb-ing</i> + ... +?	Is the Cambodian economy <b>recovering</b> right now?
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### Simple Past

**Use:** We **use the simple past** to talk about something that happened and finished in the past.

<b>Form &amp; Example</b>	
<b>Positive</b>	
Subject + verb (past) + ...	Steve Jobs <b>introduced</b> the first iPhone in early 2007.
<b>Wh-question</b>	
<i>Wh</i> -word + did + subject + verb (base form) + ... +?	<b>When did</b> Steve Jobs <b>introduce</b> the first iPhone?
<b>Yes/no question</b>	
Did + subject + verb (base form) + ... +?	<b>Did</b> Steve Jobs <b>introduce</b> the first iPhone in 2007?

### Past continuous

**Use:** We use the past continuous to talk about something that was happening in the past, when another action in the past interrupted the ongoing action, or happened at the same time as the ongoing action in the past.

<b>Form &amp; Example</b>	
<b>Positive</b>	
Subject + was/were + <i>verb-ing</i> + ...	A man got robbed while he <b>was waiting</b> for a bus.
<b>Wh-question</b>	
<i>Wh</i> -word + was/were + subject + <i>verb-ing</i> + ... +?	<b>What was</b> the man <b>waiting</b> for?
<b>Yes/no question</b>	
Was/Were + subject + <i>verb-ing</i> + ... +?	<b>Was</b> the man <b>waiting</b> for a bus?

### Present Perfect

**Use:** We use the present perfect to talk about something that has happened in the past but continues to the present.

<b>Form &amp; Example</b>	
<b>Positive</b>	
Subject + has/have + verb (past participle) + ...	Starbucks <b>has operated</b> its coffee business in Phnom Penh city since 2015.
<b>Wh-question</b>	
<i>Wh</i> -word + has/have + subject + verb (past participle) + ... + ?	<b>Where has Starbucks operated</b> its coffee business?
<b>Yes/no question</b>	
Has/have + subject + verb (past participle) + ... + ?	<b>Has Starbucks operated</b> its coffee business in Phnom Penh city?

### Future with will

**Use:** We use *will* to talk about something that will happen in the future.

<b>Form &amp; Example</b>	
<b>Positive</b>	
Subject + will + verb (base form) + ...	Cambodia <b>will host</b> the ASEAN summit next year.
<b>Wh-question</b>	
<i>Wh</i> -word + will + subject + verb (base form) + ... + ?	<b>When will Cambodia host</b> the ASEAN summit?
<b>Yes/no question</b>	
Will + subject + verb (base form) + ... + ?	<b>Will Cambodia host</b> the ASEAN summit next year?