

UNIT 15

THE PRESENT TENSE

REVIEW

The **simple present tense** is used for **habitual actions**, **timeless and universal truths** and **scheduled future actions**.

Review these.

- John **brushes** his teeth after every meal.
- She **writes** well.
- The sun **rises** in the east.
- Air **expands** when heated.
- The movie **starts** at 2 o'clock.
- The next bus **arrives** in ten minutes.

The **present continuous tense** is used for **actions taking place at the time of speaking** and **activities planned for the future**.

Review these.

- I **am packing** my bag now.
- Look! It **is raining**.
- He **is going** to Taiwan next week.
- Mary **is coming** to my house tomorrow.

The **present perfect tense** is used for **actions which began in the past and continue to be the case at the present** and **actions occurring or have occurred at an unspecified time**.

Review these.

- The hikers **have not stopped** to rest since they started the climb this morning.
- He **has taught** in the school for more than twenty years.
- The climbers **have reached** the summit.
- We **have worked** hard for the examinations.

The **present perfect continuous tense** is used for **actions which began in the past and are still happening** and **continuous actions which have just finished**.

Review these.

- Mr Lee **has been learning** English for three years.
- He **has been volunteering** at the orphanage for the past five years.
- I **have been waiting** for you the whole day.
- Mary **has been asking** to order pizza for the past ten minutes.