

UNIT 16

THE PRESENT TENSE

REVIEW

The **simple present tense** is used **to show a habitual action** or **for statements that are true** or **to show a planned future action**.

Review these.

- Mr Thomson **jogs** every morning.
- The sun **rises** in the east.
- He **leaves** for China next Friday.

We use either '**do**' or '**does**' in negative and interrogative sentences in the **simple present tense**.

Review these.

- **Does** John **feel** well today?
John **does not feel** well today.
- **Do** they **understand** English?
They **do not understand** English.

The **present continuous tense** is used to show **an action taking place at the moment** or **a habitual action** or **an action in the future that has been planned**.

Review these.

- They **are watching** television now.
- The boy **is** always **disrupting** the lesson.
- Uncle Joe **is coming** for dinner tonight.

The **present perfect tense** is used to show **an action has taken place but at an unspecified time** or **an action has already started but is continuing to the present time**.

Review these.

- They **have sold** their house.
- Mr Lee **has worked** in the company for ten years.

The **present perfect continuous tense** is used **to show an action that started in the past is still going on and has not been interrupted**.

Review these.

- It **has been raining** since this morning.
- Alice **has been talking** on the phone for a long time.