

TENSE

Present Continuous

- temporary actions
- Use present continuous tense with these words-
At this time, At this moment, At present,
Currently, These days, Right now etc.

My father works/is working at IBM.

Rohan works on a new project these days.

Mukesh has taught us English at present.

She prepares food right now so call her later.

This box is containing the sweets prepared by my mother.

They are always playing loud music that is why I don't like them.

Present Perfect Tense:-

- Present perfect tense – completion of action or time
- Present perfect tense – effect of past action on present
- Use present perfect tense with these adverbs :-
Yet, So far, Already, Just, just now, lately, recently, of late etc.

He passed class 10 in 2007 .

He has passed class 10 so he is eligible for this job.

I visited Manali 2 years ago.

I have already visited Manali so let's go somewhere else .

She didn't come.

She hasn't come yet.

I did not receive the parcel yet.

They completed only three fourths of the work so far.

I already called him so there is no need to call him again.

We returned from our trip recently.

Past Indefinite Tense:-

- Use past indefinite tense with these adverbs –

Yesterday, ago, in past, last day/Sunday/week/year etc.

I have visited Manali with my wife and children 2 years ago.

We have not used technology this much in past.

Those ideas and ideals have shaped our economic thoughts in past.

The ice cream seller wore a red tie and a black hat every day.

Past Continuous Tense:- When two actions of past are joined with ‘when’ or ‘while’, write the longer duration action(background action) in past continuous and the other one in past indefinite.

While (duration of time) vs When (point of time and duration of time)

When I walked in the park, I saw a snake.

Somebody slapped him while he watched a movie.

A truck hit him while he crossed the road.

I was studying when my mother was preparing food for me.

I returned his book when he came to my home.

