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Tense	Signal words	Use	Form	Examples affirmative	Examples negative	Examples interrogative
Simple Present	every day sometimes always often usually seldom never first … then	• something happens repeatedly • how often something happens • one action follows another • things in general • with verbs like (*to love, to hate, to think, etc.*) • future meaning: timetables, programmes	infinitive he/she/it: infinitive + s	I work. He works. I go. He goes.	I don't work. He doesn't work. I don't go. He doesn't go.	Do I work? Does he work? Do I go? Does he go?
Present Progressive	now at the moment Look! Listen!	• something is happening at the same time of speaking or around it • future meaning: when you have already **decided and arranged** to do it (a fixed plan, date)	be (am/are/is) + infinitive + ing	I'm working. He's working. I'm going. He's going.	I'm not working. He isn't working. I'm not going. He isn't going.	Am I working? Is he working? Am I going? Is he going?
Simple Past	last … … ago in 1990 yesterday	action took place in the past, mostly connected with an expression of time (no connection to the present)	regular: infinitive + ed irregular: (2nd column of table of irregular verbs)	I worked. He worked. I went. He went.	I didn't work. He didn't work. I didn't go. He didn't go.	Did I work? Did he work? Did I go? Did he go?