

## Handy Hints - Tense Guide

<b>Present Continuous</b>		
How to form this tense		
I	He/She/It	We/They/You
am + -ing	is + -ing	are + -ing
Spelling rules		
Double the consonant for CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant words: get → tt → getting	Remove the e for verbs ending in h → have → having	
Use	Example	
Talk about things we are doing now.	Peter is watching TV at the moment. The teachers are having a meeting.	
Negative	Question	
Peter isn't watching TV at the moment. The teachers aren't having a meeting.	Is Peter watching TV at the moment? Are the teachers having a meeting?	

<b>Present Simple - be + have</b>		
How to form this tense		
I	He/She/It	We/They/You
am/are	is/has	are/have
Use		Example
Talk about facts.		Jason is my friend.
Talk about things we have/own. Talk about what people/animals look like.		David has a baby brother. Birds have wings.
Negative form		Question form
Jason isn't my friend. David doesn't have a baby brother. Birds don't have wings. (true for penguins)		Is Jason my friend? Does David have a baby brother? Do birds have wings?

## Present Simple - regular verbs

How to form this tense

I	He/She/It - ADD 's' or 'es'	We/They/You
go/eat/wash	goes/eats/washes	go/eat/wash

Spelling rules for He/She/It forms

add 's' eat → eats	add 'es' to words ending with sh: wash → washes	add 'es' to words ending with o: do → does
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Use

Example

Talk about habits.

David goes to school by car.

Negative form - add *don't/doesn't* (no 's') on the main verb

Question form - add *do/does* (no 's') on the main verb

David doesn't go to school by car.

Does David go to school by car?

## Commands

How to form this tense

Basic form of the verb (no endings)

Use

Example

Ask/tell people to do something.

Listen, please.

Negative form - add *don't*

Question form

Don't walk on the grass.

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## -ing Forms

How to form this tense

I	He/She/It	We/They/You
love/like/hate/enjoy + -ing	loves/likes/hates/enjoys + -ing	love/like/hate/enjoy + -ing

Use

Example

Talk about things you like/dislike

Mary likes swimming.  
John and Peter enjoy playing football.

Negative form - add *don't/doesn't* (no 's' on main verb)

Question form - add *do/does* (no 's' on main verb)

Mary doesn't like swimming.  
John and Peter don't enjoy playing football.

Does Mary like swimming?  
Do John and Peter enjoy playing football?

### Exercise 3

Fill in the blanks in the following passage using the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

#### Swimming Pool Rules

Peter \_\_\_\_\_ [be] at the swimming pool near his home with some friends. Right now, he and his friend, Alan, \_\_\_\_\_ [read] some rules to make sure they are safe in the pool.



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Always \_\_\_\_\_ [take] a shower before getting into the pool.  
\_\_\_\_\_ [use] swimming goggles to protect your eyes.  
\_\_\_\_\_ [walk] beside the pool instead of running.  
\_\_\_\_\_ [wear] proper swimwear.

xxx (add 'don't' where needed)

\_\_\_\_\_ [run] because it \_\_\_\_\_ [be] dangerous. You can \_\_\_\_\_ [fall] over.  
\_\_\_\_\_ [jump] in the water if there \_\_\_\_\_ [be] many people.  
You \_\_\_\_\_ [hurt] somebody.  
\_\_\_\_\_ [eat] or drink in the pool area.

#### Thinking Skills

Can you think of one more rule?

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## Exercise 3 - answers

Fill in the blanks in the following passage using the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

### Swimming Pool Rules

Peter **is** [be] at the swimming pool near his home with some friends. Right now, he and his friend, Alan, **are reading** [read] some rules to make sure they are safe in the pool.



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Always **take** [take] a shower before getting into the pool.

**Use** [use] swimming goggles to protect your eyes.

**Wear** [wear] proper swimwear.

**Walk** [walk] beside the pool instead of running.

xxx (add 'don't' where needed)

**Don't run** because it **is** [is] dangerous. You can **fall** [fall] over.

**Don't jump** [jump] in the water if there **are** [be] many people. You may **hurt** [hurt] somebody.

**Don't eat** [eat] or **drink** [drink] in the pool area.

#### Thinking Skills

Can you think of one more rule?