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Lecture II: Grammar “The Simple Tenses”

English has three simple tenses: present, past, and future. These simple tenses express facts or habitual activities. Unlike the other tenses, the simple tenses describe actions without specifically stating whether the actions are completed or ongoing. Past simple, present simple, and future simple are easy verb forms to use.

1. The Present Simple Tense

The present simple is used to show repetition, habit or generalization. Less commonly, the simple present can be used to talk about scheduled actions in the near future and, in some cases, actions happening now.

In the simple present, most regular verbs use the root form, except in the third-person singular (which ends in -s).

Infinitive	I, You, We, They	He, She, It
to ask	ask	asks
to work	work	works
to call	call	calls

2. The Past Simple Tense

The simple past is used to talk about finished actions, states or habits in the past. With most verbs, the past tense is formed by adding –ed:

To Play→Played / To Type→Typed / To Listen→Listened / To Push→Pushed

3. The Future Simple Tense

The simple future is used to talk about things that haven't happened yet also to make a prediction and to express willingness / unwillingness to do something. The formula for the simple future is **will + [root form of verb]**.

To send → Will send / To hate → Will hate / To eat → Will eat / To dance → Will dance