

Verb tense review: present, past, and future

1 THE PRESENT OF BE

Statements

I	am	late.
You We They	are	
He She It	is	

2 THE SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE

Statements

I You We They	speak English.
He She	speaks English.

Yes / no questions

Do	I you we they	know them?
Does	he she	eat meat?

Short answers

Yes,	I you we they	do.	No,	I you we they	don't.
	he she it	does.		he she it	doesn't.

Information questions

What do	you we they	need?
When does	he she it	start?
Who	wants needs likes	this book?

3 THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Statements

I	am	watching TV.
You We They	are	studying English.
He She It	is	arriving now.

Yes / no questions

Am	I	going too fast?
Are	you we they	
	Is	

Short answers

Yes,	I	am.	No,	I'm not.
	you	are.		you aren't / you're not.
	he she it	is.		he isn't / he's not.
	we they	are.		she isn't / she's not.
				it isn't / it's not.
				we aren't / we're not.
				they aren't / they're not.

Information questions

What	are	you we they	doing?
When	is	he she it	leaving?
Where	am	I	staying tonight?
Who	is		driving?

4 THE PAST OF BE

Statements

I He She It	was late.
We You They	were early.

(The past of be—continued)

Yes / no questions

Was	I he she it	on time?
Were	we you they	in the same class?

Short answers

Yes,	I he she it	was.	No,	I he she it	wasn't.
	we you they	were.		we you they	weren't.

Information questions

Where	were	we? you? they?
When	was	he she it here?
Who	were	they?
Who	was	he? she? it?

5 THE SIMPLE PAST TENSE

Many verbs are irregular in the simple past tense. To see the list of irregular verbs, open **Reference Charts** on the *ActiveBook* Self-Study Disc.

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I You He She It We They	stopped working.	I You He She It We They	didn't start again.
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Yes / no questions

Did	I you he she it we they	make a good dinner?
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Short answers

Yes,	I you he she it we they	did.	No,	I you he she it we they	didn't.
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Information questions

When did	I you he she it we they	read that?
Who		called?

6 THE FUTURE WITH BE GOING TO

Statements

I'm You're He's She's It's We're They're	going to	be here soon.
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I'm You're He's She's It's We're They're	not going to	be here soon.
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Yes / no questions

Are	you we they	going to want coffee?
Am	I	going to be late?
Is	he she it	going to arrive on time?

Short answers

Yes,	I	am.	No,	I'm not.
	you	are.		you aren't / you're not.
	he she it	is.		he isn't / he's not.
	we they	are.		she isn't / she's not.
				it isn't / it's not.
				we aren't / we're not.
				they aren't / they're not.

Information questions

What	are	you we they	going to see?
When	is	he she it	going to shop?
Where	am	I	going to stay tomorrow?
Who	is		going to call?