

THE PRESENT TENSE

The Auxiliary Trick

Rule 1: No Auxiliary Verb? → Use do/does.

Rule 2: Auxiliary Present? → Invert (Move it to the front).

Rule 3: Two Auxiliaries? → Invert only the first one.

STRUCTURES

A. Simple Present Tense (Habit / Routine / Fact)

Affirmative (+)

Structure: Subject + V1 (s/es) + Object

Example: She writes.

Negative (-)

Structure: Subject + does/do + not + V1 + Object

Example: She does not write.

Interrogative (?)

Structure: Does/Do + Subject + V1 + Object?

Example: Does she write?

Interrogative-Negative

Structure: Does/Do + Subject + not + V1?

Example: Does she not write? / Doesn't she write?

B. Present Continuous Tense (Action Happening NOW)

Affirmative (+)

Structure: Subject + is/am/are + V1-ing + Object

Example: She is writing.

Negative (-)

Structure: Subject + is/am/are + not + V1-ing + Object

Example: She is not writing.

Interrogative (?)

Structure: Is/Am/Are + Subject + V1-ing + Object?

Example: Is she writing?

Interrogative-Negative

Structure: Is/Am/Are + Subject + not + V1-ing?

Example: Is she not writing?

TIME MARKERS (Signal Words)

Simple Present Tense

Keywords: every day, always, usually, sometimes, never, on Sundays

Present Continuous Tense

Keywords: now, right now, at the moment, Look!, Listen!

STATIVE VERBS (Non-Action Verbs)

Rule: We cannot use -ing with these verbs.

Thinking Verbs

Know, understand, believe, think (opinion), remember, forget

Feeling Verbs

Love, hate, like, dislike, want, need, prefer

Sense Verbs

See, hear, smell, taste, feel

Possession Verbs

Have (own), belong, own, possess

ERROR CORRECTION

- Incorrect: She is knowing the answer.
Correct: She knows the answer.

Reason: "Know" is a Stative Verb.

- Incorrect: I am having a car.

Correct: I have a car.

Reason: "Have" (possess) is a Stative Verb.

- Incorrect: She not writes neatly.

Correct: She does not write neatly.

Reason: Negative Simple Present needs does/do + not.

- Incorrect: Does he plays cricket?

Correct: Does he play cricket?

Reason: After Does/Do, always use base form V1.

- Incorrect: I am liking this weather.

Correct: I like this weather.

Reason: "Like" is a Stative Verb (feeling).

PASSAGE WORK

Passage: "She writes daily. She is preparing for exams. She knows the syllabus well."

1. Identify Tense

- She writes daily. → Simple Present
- She is preparing for exams. → Present Continuous
- She knows the syllabus well. → Simple Present

2. Justify "knows" vs "is knowing"

"Know" is a Stative Verb. It describes a state of mind, not an action. It cannot be used in the continuous form. Therefore, the correct form is She knows.

3. Convert First Two Sentences

Sentence 1: She writes daily.

Negative: She does not write daily.

Interrogative: Does she write daily?

Sentence 2: She is preparing for exams.

Negative: She is not preparing for exams.

Interrogative: Is she preparing for exams?

ASSESSMENT

A. Convert into Negative and Interrogative

1. He reads books.

Negative: _____

Interrogative: _____

2. She is cooking food.

Negative: _____

Interrogative: _____

3. They understand the problem.

Negative: _____

Interrogative: _____

B. Error Correction

Find the error and write the correct sentence.

1. She not writes neatly.

Correct: _____

2. Does he plays cricket?

Correct: _____

3. I am liking this weather.

Correct: _____

ANSWER KEY

A. Convert into Negative and Interrogative

1. He reads books.

Negative: He does not read books.

Interrogative: Does he read books?

2. She is cooking food.

Negative: She is not cooking food.

Interrogative: Is she cooking food?

3. They understand the problem.

Negative: They do not understand the problem.

Interrogative: Do they understand the problem?

B. Error Correction

1. She not writes neatly.

Correct: She does not write neatly.

2. Does he plays cricket?

Correct: Does he play cricket?

4. I am liking this weather.

Correct: I like this weather.