

Grammar Reference

Unit 1

1.1 Tenses

This unit has examples of the Present Simple and Present Continuous, the Past Simple, and two future forms: *going to* and the Present Continuous for the future.

All these tenses are covered again in later units.

Present tenses Unit 2

Past tenses Unit 3

Future forms Units 5 and 9

The aim in this unit is to revise what you know.

Present tenses

- He **lives** with his parents.
- She **speaks** three languages.
- I'm **enjoying** the course.
- They're **studying** at university.

Past tense

- He **went** to America last year.
- She **came** to England three years ago.

Future forms

- I'm **going to work** as an interpreter.
- What are you **doing** tonight?

Form

Verb forms with an auxiliary verb

Positive	Question
She is reading.	Is she reading?
They are watching a film.	What are they watching?
She can drive.	Can she drive?

Verb forms with no auxiliary verb

In the Present Simple and the Past Simple there is no auxiliary verb in the positive.

- They **live** in London.
 - He **arrived** yesterday.
- Do/does/did* is used in the question.
- Do** they live in London?
 - Where **does Bill** come from?
 - When did he** arrive?

1.2 Questions

Questions with question words

- 1 Questions can begin with a question word.

what where which how
who when why whose

- Where's** the station?
Why are you laughing?
Whose is this coat?
How does she go to work?
- 2 *What*, *which*, and *whose* can be followed by a noun.
What size do you take?
What sort of music do you like?
Which coat is yours?
Whose book is this?
- 3 *Which* is generally used when there is a limited choice.
Which is your husband? The blond one or the dark one?
This rule is not always true.
What newspaper do you read?
Which newspaper do you read?
- 4 *How* can be followed by an adjective or an adverb.
How big is his new car?
How fast does it go?
How can also be followed by *much* or *many*.
How much is this sandwich?
How many brothers and sisters have you got?

Questions with no question word

The answer to these questions is *Yes* or *No*.

- Are you hot? Yes, I am./No, I'm not.
Is she working? Yes, she is./No, she isn't.
Does he smoke? Yes, he does./No, he doesn't.
Can you swim? Yes, I can./No, I can't.