

Dear students,

At the end of this handout you are supposed to:

1. Understand the composition of the key structure.
2. Practice the key structure.

Present continuous with future meaning

- Sometimes, we use the **Present Continuous** to show that something will or will not happen in **the near future**.

Examples:

1. I am meeting some friends after work.
2. I am not going to the party tonight.

Form

- We form the present continuous with the verb "**to be**" and add "**-ing**" to the verb.

Time expressions

Used with the present continuous with future meaning:

tomorrow, soon, next week/month/etc., the day after tomorrow, etc.

Task1. Fill in the blanks. Use the Present Continuous.

1. I (go) to the supermarket tomorrow.
2. My sister (give) me her car when she gets her new one.
3. We (have) a barbecue on Sunday.
4. All my friends (come) to my party next week.
5. We (take) my new friend to the park later today.
6. The train (leave) in ten minutes.
7. You..... (not/ swim) next time.
8. On Friday I (go) to Sara´s party.
9. Jack and Peter(work) late today.
10. John (stay in) on Friday.
11. How many other students(you study) with?

Task2. Make the present continuous - positive, negative or question

- 1) (we / go to the cinema tonight)
.....
- 2) (they / work next week)
.....
- 3) (you / not / walk)
.....
- 4) (they / learn new things)?
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- 5) (when / he / start work)?
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- 6) (why / I / stay at home)?
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- 7) (we / not / win)
.....
- 8) (the dog / not / play with a ball)
.....
- 9) (where / you / work)?
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would + infinitive

- Would is an auxiliary verb - a modal auxiliary verb. We use would mainly to:
 1. talk about the past
 2. talk about the future in the past
 3. express the conditional mood

Structure of would

subject + would + main verb(base form)

Task1. Make these sentences- positive, negative or question

1. I knew he(be) famous one day.
Negative:
Question:.....

2. He said that he (help) me.
Negative:
Question:.....

3. As children we(play)together every day.
Negative:
Question:.....

4. Nobody knew that one day he(be)rich.
Negative:
Question:.....

5. If you asked me, I(say) you were crazy.

Negative:

Question:.....

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Past Simple

Use

- We use the past simple for actions which happened or finished in the past.
E.g.: He graduated in 1998. (When did he graduate? In 1998.)

Form

Affirmative

Subject + verb (in past tense)

E.g.: I played football yesterday. (Regular verbs by adding **-ed** to the verb)

E.g.: She saw the circus last week. (Irregular verbs)

Negative

Subject + didn't + verb (infinitive form)

E.g.: I didn't see Tom yesterday.

Question

Did + subject + verb (infinitive form)?

E.g.: Did he work yesterday? (Yes, he did.) or (No, he didn't.)

Time Expressions: we use with the past simple: **yesterday, last night, last week, last year, last Monday, a month ago, two years ago, in 1964, etc.....**

A) Fill in the blanks with the SIMPLE PAST of the verbs in brackets:

Last Saturday my father *took*.... (take) my friends and me to the circus. We(see) lots of things. My father (buy) us some popcorn and orange juice. We (eat) the popcorn and (drink) the orange juice. We (laugh) at the funny clowns. There (be) a lion-tamer. The lions (do) tricks; they (jump) through hoops. A girl (ride) an elephant around the ring. We all (have) a wonderful time.

B) Fill in the blanks with the SIMPLE PAST

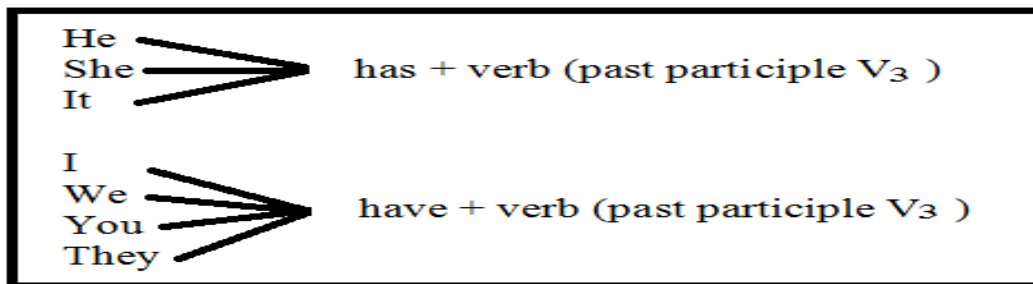
1. I (**work**) in a bank for ten years.
2. Where (**you/live**) when you were young?
3. She (**not/study**) French at university.
4. He (**travel**) through the middle east last year.
5. (**they/visit**) the Louvre in Paris?
6. She (**not/watch**) TV yesterday.
7. We (**buy**) a new car last weekend.
8. Where (**you/teach**) before you came here?
9. He (**not/think**) that he was right.
10. I (**cook**) steak last night.
11. (**Lucy/read**) 'War and Peace' at school?
12. She (**not/write**) to her grandmother.
13. We (**have**) a computer when I was a child.
14. Where (**you/go**) on holiday?
15. I (**love**) ice cream when I was a child.
16. They (**not/meet**) yesterday.
17. (**she/swim**) in the sea in Greece?
18. We (**not/play**) tennis yesterday because it was raining.
19. He (**try**) to lift the box but he couldn't.
20. What (**you/eat**) for lunch?

Present Perfect

Use

- We use the present perfect for actions which started in the past and are still continuing in the present. The exact time is not important.
E.g.: I **have known** Tom for 5 years.

Form



- We form the negative by putting "**not**" after "**have/has**".
E.g.: He has not washed the car for 3 weeks.
- We form the question by putting "**have/has**" before "**the subject**".
E.g.: Has he washed the car? (Yes, he has.) or (No, he hasn't.)

Time adverbs used with the present perfect: *since, for, just, already, yet, ever.*

- We use "**ever**" in questions and statements.
E.g.: Have you ever visited Prague?
E.g.: Madrid is the best city I've ever visited.
- We use "**just**" in statements to show that an action finished only a few minutes earlier.
E.g.: Have you finished your homework?
E.g.: Yes, I've just finished it.
- We use "**already**" in statements and questions.
E.g.: Have you done the washing up already?
E.g.: Yes, I have. I've already done it.
- We use "**yet**" in questions and negatives.
E.g.: Have you done the ironing yet?
E.g.: No, I haven't. I haven't done the ironing yet.
- We use "**for**" to express duration.
E.g.: I've worked here for seven years.
- We use "**since**" to state a starting point.
E.g.: I've worked here since 1992.

Exercises

A) Put in the correct verb forms into the gaps. Use the Present Perfect.

1. you ever a ghost? (**see**)
2. The girlstheir lunch yet. (**not/eat**)
3. Wein Canada since 1986. (**live**)
4. Wenever another country before. (**visit**)
5. The earth here for billions of years. (**be**)

6. Cuba a socialist country since 1959. (**be**)
7. I my car for three years. (**have**)
8. A big earthquake San Francisco since 1906. (**not/ hit**)
9. I'm still waiting for an answer. Theyup their minds yet. (**not/make**)
- 10.Nobody ever that mountain. (**climb**)
- 11.You since the last time I saw you. (**grow**)
- 12.The cat just mouse. (**catch**)
- 13.We alreadythe worksheets. (**download**)
- 14..... Lee his parents yet? (**ask**)
- 15..... you ever for your friends? (**cook**)

B) Underline the correct word.

1. He has been a teacher **for/since** thirty years.
2. A: Have you talked to Helen? B: Yes, I have **ever/just** called her.
3. Have you **never/ever** been to a football match?
4. I haven't finished my homework **yet/already**.
5. She has lived in Rio **for/since** 1984.
6. They have **already/yet** bought a computer.
7. Cairo is the best place I've **never/ever** visited.
8. I have been at university **already/for** three years.
9. The boat to Malta hasn't left **yet/already**.
- 10.Gary hasn't been abroad **for/since** last summer.
- 11.A: Have you packed your bag? B: Yes, I have **just/since** packed it.

C) Fill in since or for, as in the example.

1.nine years
2.Monday
3.1971
4.a day
5.last month
6.six weeks
7.a weekend
8.December
9.five days
- 10.....yesterday
- 11.....last night
- 12.....a week

Present Perfect Continuous

- We use the Present Perfect Continuous to show that something started in the past and has continued up until now.

FORM

[has/have + been + verb-ing]

Examples:

- You **have been waiting** here for two hours.
- **Have you been waiting** here for two hours?
- You **have not been waiting** here for two hours.

Task . Fill in the blanks. Use the Present Perfect Continuous.

1. They(**talk**) for the last hour.
2. She (**work**) at that company for three years.
3. What you(**do**) for the last 30 minutes?
4. James.....(**teach**) at the university since June.
5. We(**not/ wait**) here for over two hours!
6. Why Nancy (**take**) her medicine for the last three days?
7. Recently, I(**feel**) really tired.
8. She(**not/ watch**) too much television lately.
9. you (**exercise**) lately?
10. Lisa..... (**not/practice**) her English.
11. What you(**do**)?