

Verb Tenses at A1 — Resumo

5.º Ano

English

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Which tense to use? Ask yourself: Is it *now*? → Present Continuous. Is it *every day*? → Present Simple. Is it *yesterday*? → Past Simple.

Comparison Table

Tense	When?	How?	Example
Present Simple	Every day, routines, habits	I/you/we/they + base verb he/she/it + verb-s	I play football.
Present Continuous	Now, at this moment	am/is/are + verb-ing	I am playing football.
Past Simple	Yesterday, last week, completed	verb + ed (regular) irregular past forms	I played football.

Present Simple

- **Use:** routines, habits, facts, timetables
- **Positive:** I/you/we/they + verb; he/she/it + verb-s
- **Negative:** don't / doesn't + base verb
- **Question:** Do/Does + subject + base verb?
- **Time words:** always, usually, sometimes, every day

Present Continuous

- **Use:** actions happening now, at this moment
- **Form:** am/is/are + verb-ing
- **Negative:** am not / isn't / aren't + verb-ing
- **Question:** Am/Are/Is + subject + verb-ing?
- **Time words:** now, at the moment, right now

Past Simple

- **Use:** completed actions in the past, routines done yesterday
- **Regular:** verb + ed (walk→walked, play→played)
- **Irregular:** go→went, eat→ate, have→had, read→read
- **Negative:** didn't + base verb
- **Question:** Did + subject + base verb?
- **Time words:** yesterday, last week, this morning

Common Irregular Verbs

Base	Past	Base	Past
go	went	have	had
eat	ate	do	did
write	wrote	read	read
come	came	see	saw
take	took	give	gave
make	made	buy	bought
put	put	know	knew
think	thought	bring	brought

Tip: For irregular verbs, there's no simple rule — you just need to memorise them. The flashcards for MPPI can help you practise!