

Language reference and revision

► Grammar reference

Present perfect simple

We use the present perfect simple to talk about:

- 1 an experience in someone's lifetime, without saying the exact time when the event occurred. What is significant is the actual experience, not when it happened.
I've seen Coldplay in concert.
- 2 recent events which have a result in the present.
She's lost her bag. (She still hasn't found it.)

- 3 actions or situations that began in the past but continue in the present.
Mark's lived here for ten years. (= Mark started to live here ten years ago and he still lives here now.)

- 4 actions that finished very recently.
They've just had an accident.

Present perfect continuous

The present perfect continuous has basically the same meaning as the present perfect simple. However, we use the continuous form to emphasize the process and duration of an action.

I've been studying in this school for more than five months.

For that reason, if an action is very short, we cannot use the continuous form.

I've been breaking the window.

We also use the continuous to emphasize that an action finished very recently or is incomplete.

I've been washing the dishes and my hands are wet because I only finished a second ago.

If we want to emphasize the completion and result of an action, or how many times an action happens, we must use the present perfect simple.

I've painted my bedroom. (It's finished.) I've seen that film three times.

Gerunds and infinitives 1

We use the gerund:

as the subject of a sentence.

Studying is hard but interesting.

after prepositions.

I'm interested in studying history.

after verbs of liking or disliking, e.g. like, love, enjoy, can't stand, don't mind, hate.

I enjoy watching TV.

with go to talk about physical activities.

go running, swimming, cycling, shopping, fishing

after certain verbs like admit, avoid, consider, involve, risk, suggest.

I suggest studying this book.

We use the infinitive:

to explain why somebody does something.

Why did he go to university? To study languages.

immediately after adjectives.

It's good to revise with other people.

after too, enough, the first, the last.

It's too cold to go out.

after certain verbs, such as want, learn, agree, decide, expect, hope, seem, try, would like, appear, arrange, ask, attempt, encourage, force, manage, help, need, promise.

I want to work for a newspaper.

► Vocabulary

1 Studying at university

assignment cheat course continuous assessment
degree fail grade/mark graduate lecture
notes pass research resit revise term tutor
tutorial undergraduate

2 Life at university

become independent extra-curricular activities
hall of residence make new friends student facilities
student loan study abroad

3 do and make

do: an assignment, an exam, a course, homework, the shopping, the washing, chores, well, your best, a favour, business, sport, your hair

make: the dinner, a cake, a decision, a noise, friends, a mistake, an appointment, an effort, an excuse, money, progress, a plan, a call, a plan, a promise, an offer, a suggestion

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Present simple, past simple, present continuous and past continuous

- 1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs given.
- Normally I (a) _____ (not study) in the summer, but this summer I (b) _____ (go) to special music lessons because I (c) _____ (want) to learn to play the guitar. Two or three weeks ago I (d) _____ (study) for an exam one evening when my mum (e) _____ (come) into my bedroom and (f) _____ (give) me an electric guitar! That's why right now I (g) _____ (do) my homework – 'guitar' homework, not school homework!

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Present perfect simple and present perfect continuous

- 2 Choose the correct alternative.
- Have you switched/been switching off the TV?
 - My feet are tired. I've stood/been standing here for hours.
 - We love this film! We've seen/been seeing it five times.
 - This is my American friend. She's stayed/been staying at my house but she goes back to the USA tomorrow.
 - Your eyes are wet. Why have you cried/been crying?
 - That's it! I've finished/been finishing my assignment.

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Gerunds and infinitives 1

- 3 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use between two and five words.

- Don't do that because there's a chance you'll fail. **RISK**
Don't do that because you _____.
- He loves to ride his bike at the weekend. **GO**
He loves to _____ at the weekend.
- I think it's terrible to get up early. **STAND**
I _____ early.
- I think it's essential to have a valid passport. **PASSPORT**
I think _____ is essential.
- Please think about joining our club. **CONSIDER**
Please _____ our club.
- Nobody finished the exam before Sarah. **FIRST**
Sarah was _____ the exam.
- It would be great to see him in concert next week. **LOVE**
I _____ him in concert next week.

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Studying at university

- 1 Complete the sentences with these words. There are two extra words.

tutorial lecture fail pass notes
tutor undergraduate degree marks

- I hope I don't _____. I don't want to resit the exam next month.
- I got an A+ and a B for my last two pieces of work. What _____ did you get?
- Can I borrow the _____ you took in yesterday's history class? I couldn't come because I was ill.
- I need to speak to my _____ because I'm having some problems with my studies at the moment.
- My brother graduated last year. His _____ is in economics.
- This course is only for _____ students – people studying at university for the first time.
- The professor gave a really interesting _____. There were 200 people there.

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Life at university

- 2 Write words to complete the sentences.

- Some people study _____ instead of studying in their own country.
- I need to ask for a student _____ because I don't have enough money to pay for my studies.
- This university has got great _____. The science laboratories, for example, are amongst the best in the country.
- It's good to be _____ and to do things for yourself.
- I live with other students in a _____ of residence.
- _____ activities can help to take your mind off your studies.

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do and make

- 3 Put these words in the correct columns.

a decision a favour the shopping the lunch progress
a plan a suggestion

do	make

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