

LOOKING AT GRAMMAR

English Grammar
for Students at
Intermediate and
Advanced Level

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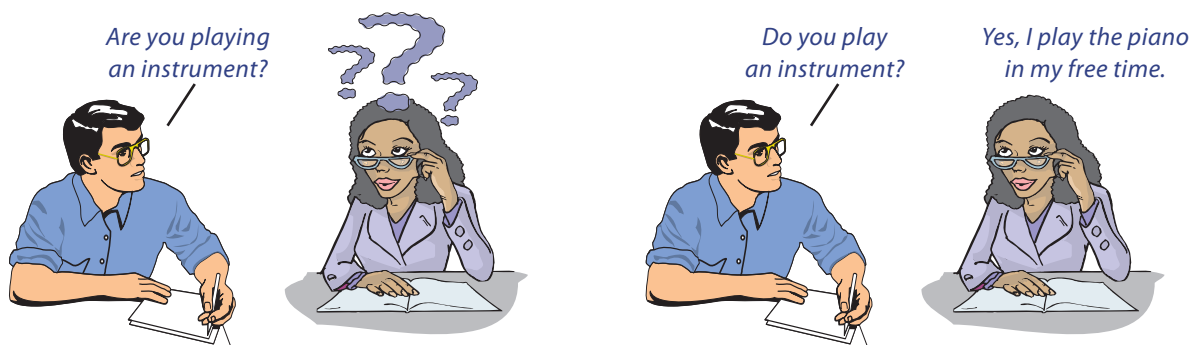
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PRESENT TENSE

5 PRESENT SIMPLE OR PRESENT PROGRESSIVE?

1. . . . **is waiting** . . . it **arrives** . . .
2. I wonder what they **are doing**.
3. . . . **is shining**. . . normally **shines**
4. . . . **stands** in P.; it **weighs** . . .
5. . . . **comes** from B., he **is visiting**
6. Tim **is wearing** a tie . . . he **wears**
7. T. **plays** tennis every Saturday.
8. Dad . . . **is watching** a match . . .
9. Jo **is playing** . . . He **plays** . . .
10. The Thames **flows** into . . .
11. Look, it **is raining**.
12. . . . you **are driving** too fast.
13. Guy **speaks** . . . he **is learning**
14. This teacher never **forgets** a face.
15. The scientist **is working** . . .
16. I **am not wearing** a jacket . . .
17. I **am taking** tennis lessons . . .
18. Penguins **live** in the Antarctic.
19. I **am talking** on the phone.

6 CHANGING THE GUARD

- A:** Oh, look! They **are just changing** the Guard.
- K:** **Do they do** this every day?
- A:** . . . this ceremony **takes place** at 11.30 . . .
- K:** Why **are they wearing** bearskin hats . . .
- A:** The guards **always wear** these caps.
- K:** I **see** . . . they **are marching** in perfect order.
- A:** Well, they **are** professional soldiers who **train** regularly.
- K:** . . . people who **are watching**, I **think** they . . .
- A:** . . . is a major attraction . . . people always **come**
- K:** Do you think the Queen **is watching**, too?
- A:** . . . the flag which **is flying** on top of the palace? . . . she **is staying** at the palace, but she **is probably reading** . . . The Queen **uses** B. Palace . . . she **works** very hard . . . she **receives** state guests here.
- K:** I **am learning** something new every minute.

7 PRESENT SIMPLE OR PRESENT PROGRESSIVE?

Bertie **is sitting** in his favourite chair. He never **goes out** but always **stays** at home. A fire **is burning** in the fireplace. His butler usually **prepares** it for him. Bertie **is reading** 'The Times'. He **reads** 'The Times' every day.

THE SMUGGLERS OF GHOST COVE / **Suggestion:** The smugglers always **come** at night. Tonight a full moon **is shining** and the moonlight **is glistening** on the sea. I can **see** the smugglers very clearly. They **are bringing** their boats ashore in Ghost Cove at the moment. They always **prefer** quiet coves like this. The big ship **is waiting** in the distance.

We know that they usually **use** lanterns as signals and that Tony Twining always **waits** on top of the cliffs. Tonight he **is standing** in the grass and **waving** his lantern. He **is wearing** a hat and his cape **is blowing** in the wind. One of them, Lippy Lipton, **is climbing** up the cliff and **is waving** to Twining.



Shakespeare lived from 1564 to 1616



Sign at car park



20 Frith Street, Soho, London

14 PRESENT PERFECT OR PAST?

1. Maria **went** to London three times last year.
2. I **have written** / **I've written** a letter, but now . . .
3. We **drove** . . . last week. – **Did you see** the cliffs?
4. Tom **started** . . . he **has already broken** two plates.
5. I **have never eaten** caviar . . . I **tried** it . . . **tasted** . . .
6. Jo **stopped** smoking in May. He **has not smoked** . . .
7. My parents **have been married** for . . ., they **met** . . .
8. Queen Victoria **reigned** between 1837 and 1901.
9. Queen Elizabeth II **has reigned** since 1952.
10. We **have lived** in Italy since D. **got** a job in Rome.
11. I **haven't played** tennis since I **had** the flu.
12. Janet **went out** a second ago.
13. Ben **broke** a leg when he **slipped** on a banana skin.
14. **Have you been** to the cinema lately? – Yes, I **saw** a fantasy film last week. – **Did you like** it?
15. My uncle **has been** very ill and is still in hospital.
16. A: **Have you seen** John today? – B: No, but I **saw** him in town . . . He **was riding** his bike . . . It **frightened** me just to look at it. – A: Yes, he's **always been** like that. And he **has already had** two accidents . . . In the first he **hurt** his arm, in the second he **broke** his leg.

16 SINCE & FOR

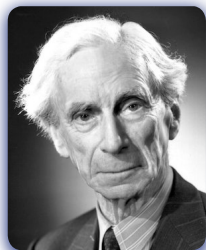
1. I've been awake . . . **since** five o'clock . . . **for** half an hour . . . **since** my alarm rang
2. Ron hasn't worn a tie . . . **since** he lost his job . . . **since** last Christmas . . . **for** a whole year
3. We've lived here . . . **for** a long time . . . **since** last May . . . **since** last spring
4. Edmund has been ill . . . **since** last Sunday . . . **since** yesterday . . . **for** many years
5. We haven't seen Lisa . . . **for** two hours . . . **for** years . . . **since** she moved away
6. Sue has worked here . . . **since** 2006 . . . **for** seven months . . . **for** ages



17 MEGA LOMANIA AND THE PRESENT PERFECT

1. Have you worked hard all your life? **Oh, yes. I've always worked hard.**
2. How many films have you made? **So far I've made seven films.**
3. Have you ever sung on a pop record? **No, I have never sung on a pop record.**
4. How long have you lived in L.A.? **I have lived in L.A. for six years now.**
5. Have you ever been to Japan? **Certainly. I've been to Japan several times.**
6. How long have you been in showbusiness? **I've been in showbusiness for nine years now.**
7. Have you ever won any prizes? **Oh, yes. I have already won two Oscars.**
8. Have you ever worked with Brad Pitt? **So far I've worked with Brad only once.**
8. How long have you been married to Bobo? **I've been married to darling Bobo for two months.**
10. Have you already been to London this year? **Unfortunately, I haven't been to London yet this year.**

CONDITIONAL SENTENCES



God is silent. If only man would shut up.
(Bertrand Russell)

VARIATIONEN UND ZUSATZINFORMATIONEN

1. Kein WOULD im If-Satz - Oder doch?

Die Aussage „Kein WOULD im If-Satz“ (ein typisch deutscher Fehler) sollte man schon beherzigen, da WOULD in den allermeisten Fällen zum Ausdruck einer nur gedachten, aber ansonsten als unreal vorgestellten Situation verwendet wird. In seiner Funktion als modales Hilfsverb kann WOULD allerdings in speziellen Situationen auch im If-Satz verwendet werden:

- mit **if only** – um einen besonders intensiven Wunsch auszudrücken:
If only Bob **would stop** smoking, he would be much fitter. – If only Matt **would shut up**.
- in idiomatischen Wendungen als höflich-formelle Bitte:
If you **would like** to take a seat here, the doctor will come and see you now.
If you **would be** so kind as to fill in this form . . .

2. In begrenztem Umfang können auch Hilfsverben in If-Sätzen stehen:

If you **can dream** it, you can do it. (American motto)
If you **can't laugh** at yourself, I'll be glad to do it for you.
Don't hesitate to call a doctor, if you **should fall ill**.
If I **may interrupt** for a moment, I would like to make a point.

3. COULD und MIGHT als Alternativen zu WOULD im Hauptsatz

Je nach Satzinhalt können auch die Hilfsverben COULD und MIGHT mit ihren Bedeutungen FÄHIGKEIT und MÖGLICHKEIT an die Stelle von WOULD treten.

If I was rich, I **could afford** a big house.
We **could have been killed** in that accident, if we hadn't had our seat belts on.
If you ask Cheryl politely, she **might help** you.
If Glen had not had his operation, he **might have died**.

4. WERE als einzige Konjunktiv-Form des Englischen

PAST SIMPLE im If-Satz hat keine Vergangenheitsbedeutung, sondern bezieht sich auf Gegenwart und Zukunft: was wäre wenn? Für diese konjunktivische Bedeutung hat das Englische keinen eigenen Form – mit einer Ausnahme: dem Verb **TO BE** und seiner Form **were**.

If I **were** younger, I would take up windsurfing. | If wishes **were** horses, beggars would ride.
Im Singular kann auch **was** verwendet werden, **If I were you** ist allerdings eine feste Redensart:

If I were you, I would take that job. • I would be more careful, **if I were you**.