**PRESENT SIMPLE**

FORM ***subject verb 3rd Singular verb+s***

(use ***do/does*** to form Interrogative/Negative)

USE **A) Habitual action**

He smokes. I never eat fish. She usually has guests for dinner on Saturdays.

**B) With ‘say’ asking about/quoting from books/notices/recent mail.**

“What does the notice say? It says ‘No Parking’”

“What does Emily’s last email say?”

**C) Dramatic narrative (narrating story of a book/film) or sports events.**

The central character gets lost in a park and finds the love of his life….

Rakitic leaves it for Messi, Messi runs ahead and scores! Brilliant Lionel Messi!

**D) Planned future action, especially when referring to a journey.**

We leave London at 6:00 next Monday and we arrive in Paris at 10:00.

According to the schedule, our plane takes off in 3 hours. Hurry!

**E) Instead of Present Continuous with Stative verbs (see below)**

I like them. NOT ~~I am liking them~~.

It seems…NOT ~~It’s seeming~~…..

**PRESENT CONTINUOUS**

FORM ***subject am/is/are verb + ing***

USE **A) Action happening NOW.**

Why are you standing in the rain?

Keep it down, please, I am studying.

**B) actions happening about this time but not necessarily this instant.**

I’m reading a book on Astrophysics these days.

We are studying Spanish at school this year. How great is that?

**C) Definite arrangements for the near future.**

What are you doing tonight? I’m meeting Val downtown for coffee and snacks.

**D) With always for repeated actions causing annoyance.**

Perhaps it is not deliberate but Mary is always making me look like a fool in front of others.

My neighbours are always throwing parties at the weekend. My God, they’re so noisy!

REMEMBER: No continuous tenses with stative verbs(unless there is a reason) **Stative verbs** include verbs expressing:

-Senses (feel, hear, see, smell….)in their involuntary sense.

-Feelings/emotions (love, hate, like, loath…)

-Mental activity (understand, realise, suppose….)

-Possession (belong, own…)

- appear, consist, concern, matter, seem.