

## TENSES:

**Past Perfect Continuous:** I had been watching TV before she came.

**Past Perfect Simple:** I had arrived before her.

**Past Continuous:** I was watching TV when she came.

**Past Simple:** I arrived at ten, just when she came.

**Present Perfect Continuous:** I have been thinking about it the whole night.

**Present Perfect Simple:** I have lost my key, I don't know where it is.

**Present Continuous:** I am having breakfast at the moment.

**Present Simple:** I usually play tennis on Monday.

**Future Continuous:** I will be studying math all afternoon.

**Future Simple:** I will go there tomorrow.

**Future Perfect Continuous:** We will have been living here for 20 yrs by next year.

**Future Perfect Simple:** I will have it done by tomorrow.

## THE RULE OF CONSISTENCY!!!

### PRESENT SIMPLE AND CONTINUOUS

**PS: Actions in progress at the moment of speaking**

+ repeated temporary actions (She is studying English in Oxford)

Key words: **NOW, AT PRESENT, AT THE MOMENT,**

**PC: Repeated actions**

Key words: **REGULARLY, OFTEN, ALWAYS, EVERY..., SOMETIMES, NEVER, USUALLY**

Notes: LOVE, LIKE, HATE, WANT, NEED, PREFER, KNOW, REALISE, SUPPOSE, UNDERSTAND, BELIEVE, REMEMBER, COST, BELIEVE, SEEM are **not used** in continuous tenses + **SEE, HEAR, SMELL, TASTE**

**Exceptions:** I am seeing her (tomorrow morning) x I see x I can see her  
He is selfish x He is being selfish

Present tense forms are also used to refer to future time.

**Beware!!!**    lie    lay    lain            lying  
                  lay    laid    laid            laying