Verb Tense Review

A. Simple Present Tense  pages 2, 13

Used:  habits, facts

Usual words:  every …, usually, sometimes, never, etc.

Remember:  +s with he/she/it  Question/Negative:  do/does

Stative verbs (nonprogressive verbs) are like facts—only simple present (p.15)

1.  My friend and I always _______________ (speak) English together.
2.  Terry ______________ (work) as a cook at a big restaurant.
3.  I ______________ (think) Seattle is a beautiful city. = fact (not action)
4.  _______________ your father ___________ (speak) English?

B. Present Progressive Tense  pages 3, 13

Used:  action happening NOW, at the present time

Usual words:  now, right now, this …, today

Remember:  be verb + verb –ing  Question/Negative:  be verb

5.  Larry and Susan ____________________ (build) a new house.
6.  My sister __________________________ (wear) a red hat today.
7.  I _________________________ (think) about my family right now. = action
8.  _______ you______________ (work) this morning? (now)

C. Simple Past Tense  pages 2, 22-23, 27

Used:  finished action in the past

Usual words:  yesterday, in (1987), last (week), (3 days) ago, this … (past)

Remember:  regular and irregular verbs  Question/Negative:  did

9.  I ______________ (forget) to do my homework last Monday.
10. Mr. And Mrs. Smith _____________ (be) married in 1974.
11. When I ________ (be) a child, I ______________ (like, not) vegetables.
12. _____________ you _____________ (work) this morning? (finished, past)

15. When I ________________ (open) the package, I ___________ (find) a nice book.

D. Past Progressive Tense pages 3, 28

Used: to show an action happening at a specific time in the past or at the same time as another action in the past (not so common)

Usual words: while, as, at (3:00) yesterday

Remember: past be verb + verb –ing Question/Negative: be verb

17. While I ________________ (brush) my teeth, the lights went out. (long action) (short action)

18. Yesterday, while we ________________ (clean) the bathroom, they ________________ (wash) the dishes. (two actions at the same time in the past.)

19. What _____________ your daughter __________ (do) last Monday at 4:30 PM?

E. Present Perfect pages 4, 36, 22-23

Used: to show a completed action sometime in the past (we don’t know exactly when) to describe a repeated action, past up to now with a few words (work, play, study, teach) to show an action, past up to now

Usual words: already, yet, never, ever (question), (three) times so far, since, for

Remember: have/has + pp (careful for irregular verbs) Question/Negative: have/has

19. A: ______________ you ever _______________ (see) a famous person?

   B: No, I ________________.

20. I ________________ (write) three letters so far this quarter.


22. They ________________ (work) here for many years.

23. I ________________ (finish, already) my homework, but I ________________ (clean, not) my room yet.
F. Present Perfect Progressive  

Used: to show an action that began in the past and is happening now  
      to describe a recent action  
      to describe an unfinished action  

Usual words: all (day), recently, lately, for, since  

Remember: have/has + been + verb-ing  
Question/Negative: have/has  

24. I’m really tired. I __________________ (write) on the computer all day.  
25. Stephanie __________________________ (read) that book for three weeks and  
she’s still not finished.  
26. A: What _______________________ (you, do) lately?  
    B: Oh, I _______________________ (work) a lot recently.  
27. I’m sorry. My hands are dirty because I ________________ (plant) flowers in  
    the garden.  
28. This line is too long. We _________________________ (stand) here since 2:00!  

G. Simple Future  

Used: to describe a future action  

Usual words: tomorrow, in (three days), next (year)  

Remember: will + verb / be + going to + verb (especially for a plan)  
Question/Negative: will / won’t + verb  
with future time words (before, after, when, as soon as, if, etc.) – use  
present tense with some fact words (plan, intend, want, hope) use  
present tense  

29. In two weeks, my family and I __________________ (fly) to New York.  
30. What ____________________ (you, do) tomorrow evening?  
31. After Sarah ________________ (finish) high school next spring, she  
    ____________________________ (get) a job.  
32. Next year, I __________________________ (plan) to take college classes.