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.