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)
14. I __________________ (live) in California for many years. I ________________ (move) here two years ago.

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.

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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.