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Subject - English Language

Chapter - 10 The Present Tense

Good morning students

Today we will be doing 'The Present Tense' as a part of your English Language assignment which will be submitted to you on dated 17 April, 2023. All the

students are requested to open page number 62 of your English Language book titled 'Collins

English Grammar and Composition'.

Students keep your practice notebooks ready as during this lesson you will be asked a few questions in order to check your understanding of the topic.

Students in our previous classes we have done three types of tenses, present tense, past tense, and future tense. In this chapter we will be learning about Present tense. As we have already done in our previous classes, the present tense refers to present time - now, or the time of speaking or writing. General

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Facts or things that are always true are also expressed in the present tense.

Present tense expresses actions in the present time and it has four forms. Let us revise the four forms of present tense.

1. Simple Present Tense

The simple present tense is used:

- i. to express a habitual action

Example - My father comes home around five in the evening.

- She goes to temple on Sunday.

- ii. to express universal truth

Example -

- Water freezes at 0°C .

- The sun gives us heat and light.

- iii. to express characteristics

Example -

- He loves classical music.

- She speaks politely.

- iv. In proverbs -

Example - Patience is a plaster for all sores.

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- An apple a day keeps the doctor away.

✓ to express planned future

Example -

- The train arrives at 9 a.m.

- My father retires in three years.

★ Rules for making the Simple Present tense -

• Affirmative -

Syntax - Subject + V, + s, es + Object

Example -

- We play football. (plural)

- He plays football. (singular)

- We use (s, es) with singular subjects only.

• Negative - Syntax - S + do, does + not + V, + O

Example - We do not play football.

He does not play football.

We use 'do' with plural and 'does' with singular subjects or nouns.

• Interrogatives -

Syntax - Do, Does, + S + V, + O + ?

Example - Do we play football?

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- Does he play football?

* We don't use 's, es' with the verb in singular when we use 'does'

Students, Now let us take a short break in order to check your understanding of the topic, you will be asked a few questions and after listening to the question you may write your answers.

Q1. Write three sentences describing how you spend your leisure time on Sunday using simple present tense.

Q2. Correct the errors in these sentences using simple present tense.

i. This apple is tasting sour.

ii. I am liking the film.

iii. He is agreeing with me

iv. He is having a car.

v. The bag is weighing 40 kilos.

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Students, break is over we will continue with the topic.

2. Present Continuous Tense

The present continuous tense is used to describe a continued or an ongoing action in present time.

• The present continuous tense is used -

i - to describe an action that is going on

Example - They are discussing the matter.

ii - to describe an action that will take place in near future

Example - My father is leaving for Delhi next week.

iii. It is used to describe an action that continues for a brief period of time

Example - We are staying in Mumbai for the next two months.

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★ Rules for making present Continuous tense

• Affirmative

Syntax - S + is, are, am + V₁ing + O

- Singular - is

- Plural - are

- I - am

Example - She is singing a song.

• Negative

Syntax - S + is, are, am + not + V₁ing + O

Example - She is not singing a song.

• Interrogative

Syntax - Is, Am, Are + S + V₁ing + O + ?

Example - Is she singing a song?

Alright students we have done with Simple Present tense and Present Continuous tense. We will continue with the Present tense in our next lesson. Now you are required to revise the provided content and attempt exercises A to D given on page number 63 to 65 as a part of your home assignment.

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