

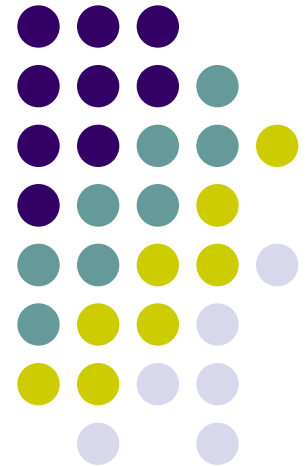
Present Simple and Continuous

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Present Simple

Otherwise known as the
Timeless Present





Present Simple: Form

Affirmative

S+ V

V(e)s – (3rd person sg.)

I We You They	ask
He She It	ask s



Present Simple: Form

Questions

Do + S+V

Does

Do	I We You They	ask?
Does	He She It	



Present Simple: Form

Negative

S+ do + not +V
does

do+not=don't

does+not=doesn't

I We You They	do not (don't)	ask
He She It	does not (doesn't)	

Present Simple is used for:



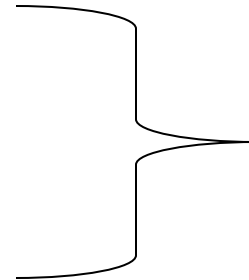
1. Habitual, repeated actions - actions that you always or never do
- e.g. a) He **goes** to school **every day**.
- b) They **go** to the club **once a week**.
- c) She **often visits** her friends in London.

Present Simple : Indicators



- a) every - morning/afternoon/evening/night
- Monday/Tuesday.....
- day/ week/month/ year
every other day/week.....

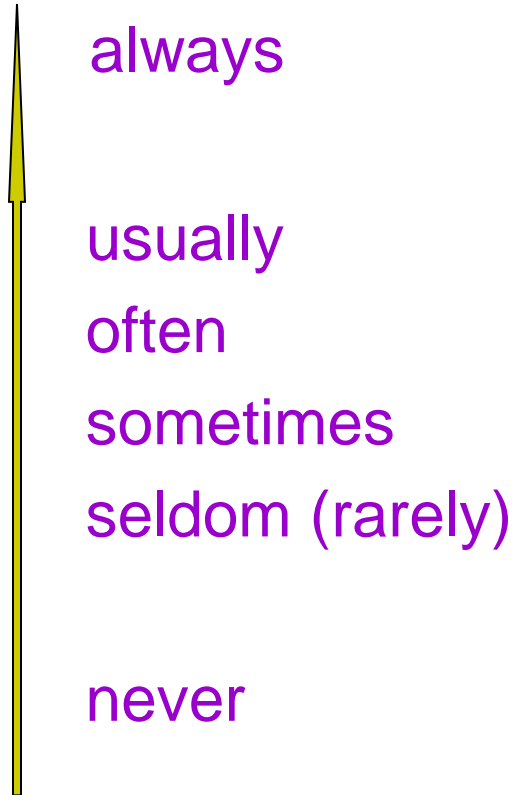
- b) once
twice
three, four, ...n times



Present Simple : Indicators



c) adverbs of frequency





Present Simple is used for:

2. General truths or simple facts

e.g. The sun **rises** in the east.

She **lives** in Iasi.

Indicators: none



Present Simple is used for:

3. A future action officially planned (timetables, schedules)

e.g. I **go** to Bucharest **tomorrow**. (I'm sent there)

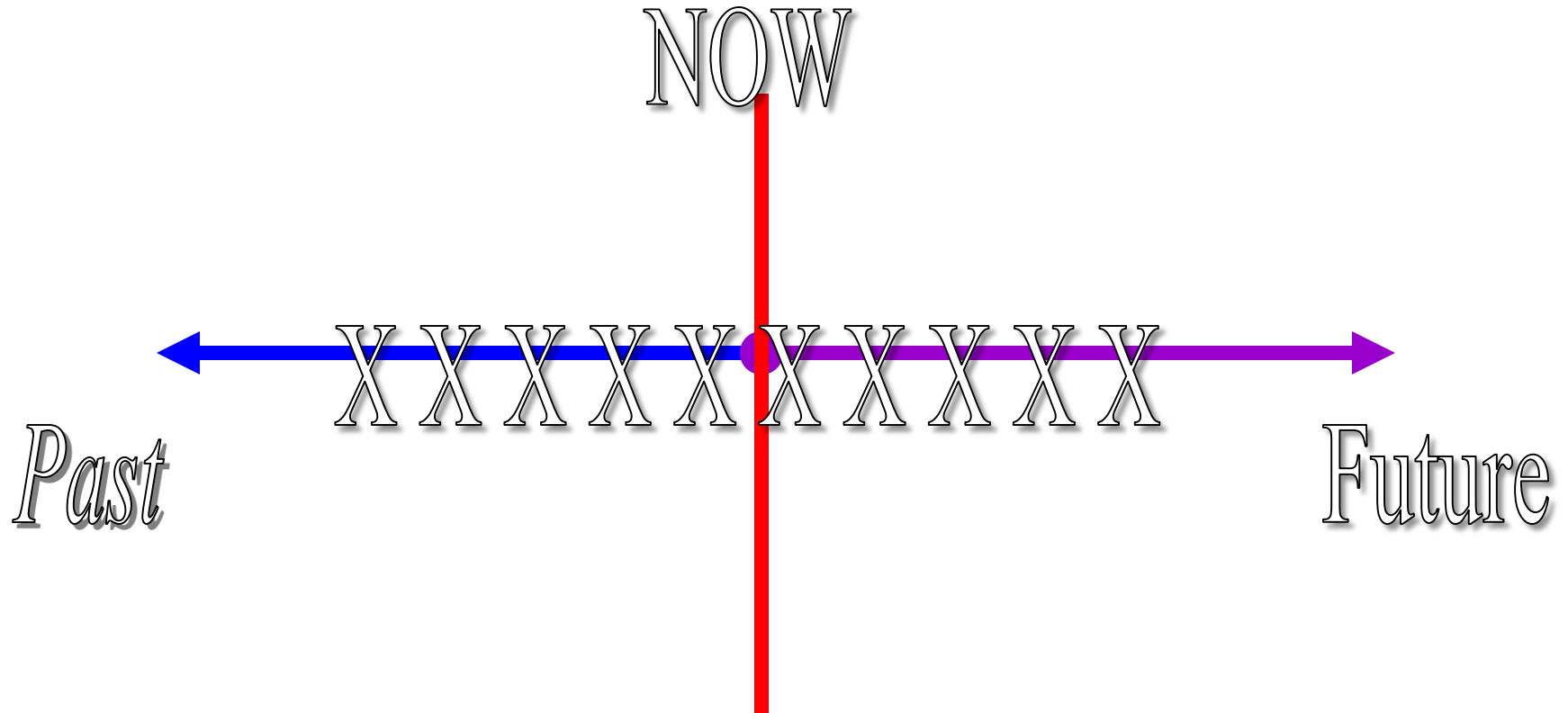
The museum **opens** tomorrow morning.

Indicators:

a) tomorrow (morning/afternoon/evening)

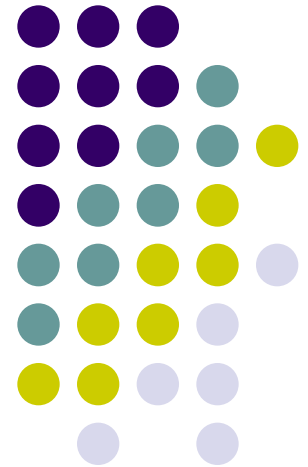
b) next (Sunday/week)

Diagram-time on a line



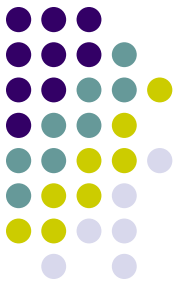
The Present Continuous Tense

also called the
Present Progressive Tense



Present Continuous: Form

Be (present)+V-ing



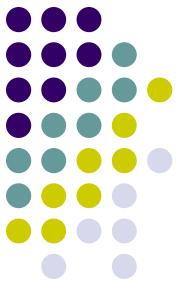
Affirmative

am

S + is + V-ing

are

I	am	asking
He She It	is	
We You They	are	



Present Continuous: Form

Questions

Am

Is + S + V-ing?

Are

Am	I	asking?
Is	He She It	
Are	We You They	



Present Continuous: Form

Negative

am

S + is + not + V-ing

are

I	am	not	asking
He She It	is		
We You They	are		

Present Continuous is used for:



1. An action in progress at the moment of speaking

e.g. I **am writing** an e-mail.

Indicators

(right) now, at this moment, at present, as we speak, still

Present Continuous is used for:



2. A temporary action

e.g. They **are staying** with us **this month**.

Indicators

a) today

b) this – Sunday...

- morning/afternoon...

- spring/summer...

- week/month/year

Present Continuous is used for:



3. A future action planned by the doer

e.g. I **am going** to Bucharest **tomorrow**.
(because I want to)

Indicators

a) tomorrow (morning/afternoon...)

b) next week

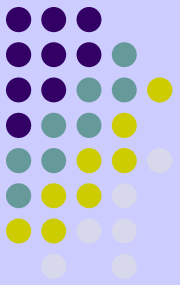


Diagram--time on a line

