



FRESHMAN ENGLISH II

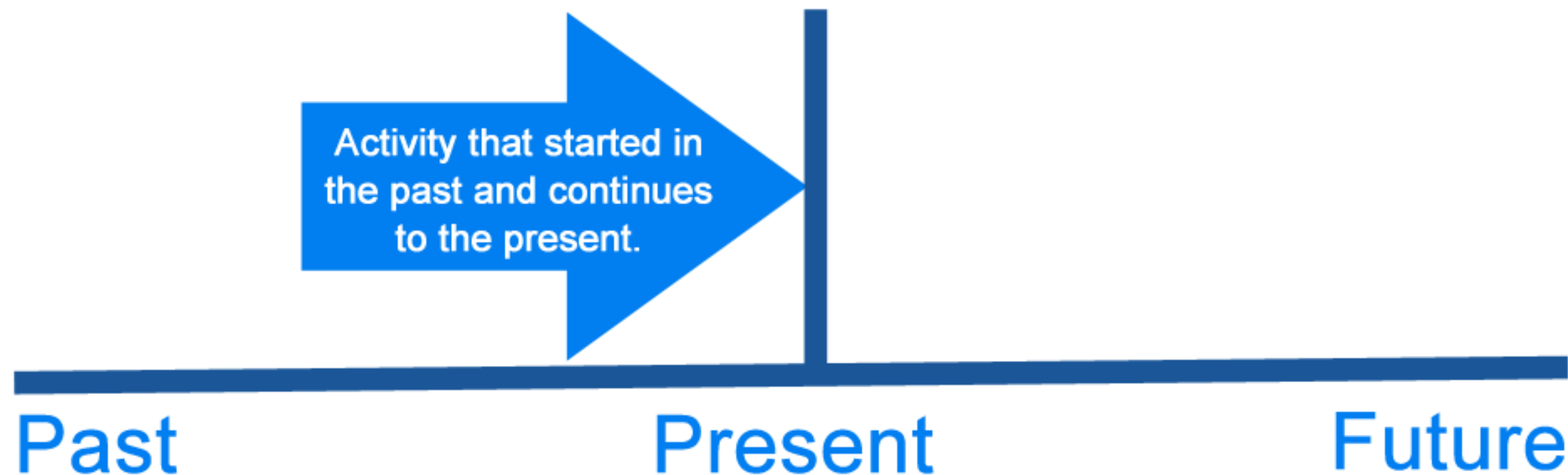
Week # 6 & 7
LECTURE # 11-14

Grammar reference: Present perfect 1

1. Sophie and I (know) each other since we were at school together.
2. I (play) tennis since I was eight years old.
3. Alain (be) in hospital three times this year.
4. I (want) to be an actor for as long as I can remember.
5. My uncle (smoke) 40 cigarettes a day for 40 years – and he's a doctor!
6. You (have) that suit for more than ten years! Isn't it time to get a new one?
7. Since he finished university, my brother (work) in five different countries.
8. Zerrin (watch) that TV programme every week since it started.
9. I (never like) bananas. I think they're horrible!
10. What's the most interesting city you (ever visit)?

Present Perfect Tense

Has/Have + Past Participle



The diagram illustrates the Present Perfect Tense using a horizontal timeline. A thick dark blue line represents the timeline, with the words 'Past', 'Present', and 'Future' written in blue below it. A vertical dark blue line marks the 'Present' point. A large blue arrow points from the 'Past' towards the 'Present' line. Inside the arrow, the text 'Activity that started in the past and continues to the present.' is written in white.

Activity that started in
the past and continues
to the present.

Past

Present

Future

PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE

UNFINISHED

HOW LONG

I've known Karen since 1994.
She's lived in London for three years.

Use with: since 2010, since July,
for ten years, for three days.

FINISHED

UNFINISHED TIME WORD

I haven't seen her this month.

Use with: this week, today, this
month, this year.

LIFE EXPERIENCE

I've been to Tokyo.

Use with: ever, never.

PRESENT RESULT

I've lost my keys (so I can't get into my
house).

NEWS / RECENT EVENTS

The Queen has given a speech.

Use with: just / yet / already / recently.



IRREGULAR VERB: BE AND HAVE

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Pronoun(s)	Present-Tense Verb for “To Be”	Past-Tense Verb for “To Be”	Present-Tense Verb for “To Have”	Past-Tense Verb for “To Have”
I	am	was	have	had
you/we/they	are	were	have	had
it/he/she	is	was	has	had

IRREGULAR VERB: BE AND HAVE

51. If pickling _____ necessary, I'll bring my own vinegar.
52. Whoever _____ enough cucumbers on this sort of occasion?
53. Mike replied, "I _____ totally comfortable with the amount of green vegetables in my refrigerator."
54. Kristin, never outdone, _____ a different idea.
55. "Grace and I _____ firmly in the anti-vegetable camp," she commented.

IRREGULAR VERB: ANSWERS

51.is. Here you're in the present tense.

52.has. You need a singular, present-tense verb to match *who* in this sentence.

53.am. The verb *to be* changes to *am* when it's paired with *I*.

54.has or had. This answer depends on the tense. If you're speaking about a past event, choose *had*, but if you're speaking about something in the here and now, *has* is your best bet.

55.are. You need a plural to match *Grace and I*.

IRREGULAR VERB: BE AND HAVE

56. Two hours from now, Kristin _____ three trophies for carbo-loading.
57. Diane _____ Champion of the Potato Salad Competition for three years in a row, counting this year.
58. Grace _____ second thoughts about her entry choice; she now thinks that she should have picked sides instead of main dishes.
59. The soon-to-be-announced winners in each category _____ extremely pleased with the prizes this year.
60. Give me a taste because I _____ a judge.

IRREGULAR VERB: BE AND HAVE

56.will have. The sentence speaks about the future.

57.has been. The sentence requires a link between past and present, so simple past won't do. You need present perfect, the bridge between those two time periods. *Has been* does the job.

58.had. The sentence calls for a contrast with *now*, so opt for past tense.

59.will be. Once more into the future!

60.am or will be. You may choose either present or future, depending upon the context.

IRREGULAR VERB: BE AND HAVE

61. “No kidding!” exclaimed Kristin. “I thought you _____ a participant.”
62. Kristin says that Grace _____ certain to win, but I _____ not sure.
63. Grace _____ a heavy hand with hot sauce.
64. You _____ to taste her dish anyway.
65. It _____ unlikely that Grace’s food will actually catch fire.

IRREGULAR VERB: BE AND HAVE

- 61.were.** The past tense of *to be* is required for this sentence.
- 62.is, am.** The *says* tells you that present tense is needed in this sentence.
- 63.has.** Here you need the singular, present tense form of *to have*.
- 64.have.** The verb, *have*, doesn't express ownership in this context. Instead it implies obligation.
- 65.is.** The singular subject *it* pairs with the singular verb *is*.



HELPING VERBS



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- **Should and must add a sense of duty.**
 - ✓ “David should put the ice cream away before he eats the whole thing.”
 - ✓ “David must reduce his cholesterol, according to his doctor.”
- **Can (present) and could (past) imply ability.**
 - ✓ “If Hanna can help, she will.”
 - ✓ “Courtney could stray from the beaten path, depending on the weather.”
- **May (present) and might (past) add possibility to the sentence.**
 - ✓ “I may go to the picnic if I can find a bottle of ant-killer.”
 - ✓ “I told Courtney that she might want to bring some insect repellent.”
- **Would (past) and will (present) usually expresses a condition or willingness.**
 - “I would have brought the mouse if I had known about the cat problem.”
 - “He would bait the trap.”
 - “Every Saturday he would go to the pet store for more mouse food.”)
 - “I will go if I can find a free ticket.”

HELPING VERBS

66. The mayor, shy as ever, said that she _____ go to the tree-planting ceremony only if the press agreed to stay outside the forest. (condition)
67. Kirk, a reporter for the local radio station, _____ not agree to any conditions, because the station manager insisted on eyewitness coverage. (ability)
68. Whenever he met with her, Kirk _____ always urge the mayor to invite the press to special events, without success. (repeated action)
69. The mayor _____ make an effort to be more open to the press. (duty)
70. In earlier times, our mayors _____ hold weekly press conferences. (repeated action)

HELPING VERBS

66.would. The going is dependent upon the press arrangement.
Thus *would* is the best choice.

67.could. The agreement wasn't possible, so *could* wins the prize.

68.would. This helping verb expresses repeated actions in the past.

69.should. Once you imply duty, *should* is the helper you want.

70.would. Ah, the good old days! Use *would* to describe repeated actions.

HELPING VERBS

71. Lisa, who writes the popular “Trees-a-Crowd” blog, explained that she _____ rely on her imagination to supply details. (possibility)
72. Lisa knows that Kirk _____ leap to fame based on his tree-planting report, and she doesn’t want to miss an important scoop. (ability)
73. All good reporters _____ know that if a tree falls or is planted in the forest, the sound is heard by a wide audience only if a radio reporter is there. (duty)
74. Sound engineers, on the other hand, _____ skip all outdoor events if they _____ do so. (condition, ability)
75. On-air talent always _____ find a way to weather all hardships, including bad weather. (ability)

HELPING VERBS

- 71. **may** or **might**. Lisa, if she's in the mood, will cover the tree-cutting without seeing it. This possibility is expressed by the helpers *may* or *might*.
- 72. **can**. You need to express ability in the present tense, which *can* can do.
- 73. **should**. Gotta get that duty in, and *should* does the job.
- 74. **would, could**. *Would* expresses a condition, and *could* adds ability to the sentence.
- 75. **can**. You're firmly in present tense (clue word = *always*) and *can* adds a sense of ability.

HELPING VERBS

76. Some media watchers believe that reporters _____ be a bit more modest. (duty)
77. In response, reporters claim that the public will not appreciate humility if they _____ choose greater entertainment value. (ability)
78. The mayor _____ have allowed the press at the scene had she foreseen the fuss. (condition)
79. The mayor _____ achieve success if she becomes more media-savvy. (possibility)
80. Despite her shyness she's a good mayor, and no one _____ work harder. (ability)

HELPING VERBS

- 76. should.** When duty calls, opt for *should*.
- 77. can.** The second half of the sentence talks about ability, so *can* works well here.
- 78. would.** The first part of the sentence talks about a condition that is not actually happening, and *would* fills the bill.
- 79. may or might.** For possibility, choose one of the two helpers.
- 80. could or can.** Either verb form works here: *could* if you're thinking about her work record (in the past) or *can* if you're measuring her by her current 80-hour weeks.



CALLING INTO QUESTION WITH VERBS



QUESTIONING WITH VERBS

81. You took the wallet to the police station.

82. The cops always accept lost items.

83. The wallet was stolen.

84. The detectives seemed interested.

85. They noticed seven credit cards, each with a different name.

QUESTIONING WITH VERBS

- 81. Did you take the wallet to the police station?** Typical question format: the two parts of the verb, *did* and *take*, are separated by the subject, *you*.
- 82. Do the cops always accept lost items?** This one's in present tense because the original statement contains the present-tense verb, *accept*.
- 83. Was the wallet stolen?** Because this sentence is about state of being, not an action, you don't need a helping verb here. However, the subject (*wallet*) should follow the verb.
- 84. Did the detectives seem interested?** This one's about a state of being, but the verb, *to seem*, needs the helping verb *did* to create a question.
- 85. Did they notice the seven credit cards, each with a different name?** The helper *did* precedes the subject, *they*, in this question.

QUESTIONING WITH VERBS

86. The photo on the license matches a mug shot.

87. The police will act swiftly.

88. You want the reward for recovering stolen property.

89. In the future, you will keep your eyes on the ground.

90. Walking is your new hobby.

QUESTIONING WITH VERBS

- 86. Does the photo on the license match a mug shot?** Here you see the same pattern: helping verb (*does*), subject (*photo*), main verb (*match*).
- 87. Will the police act swiftly?** The helper, *will*, changes position to create a question instead of a statement.
- 88. Do you want the reward for recovering stolen property?** In this question, you add *do* to the main verb, *want*, to land in question territory.
- 89. In the future will you keep your eyes on the ground?** This question contains all the same words as the original statement. The order makes all the difference!
- 90. Is walking your new hobby?** The verb, *is*, comes before the subject, *walking*, to create a question.



PRACTICE WITH VERBS



To: All Employees
From: Christy
Subject: Paper Clips

It had come to my attention that some employees will be bending paper clips nearly every day. A few copy clerks even bended an entire box. Because of my duty as your supervisor, I would remind you that paper clips have been expensive. In my ten years of superior wisdom as your boss, I always gave you a fair deal. Does I need proof before firing you? No! However, I thinkd you were responsible employees. Therefore, I will begin inspecting the desks in this office this morning. By quitting time, I will have been checking every single one. If your desk contains a bent paper clip, you would find yourself out of a job.

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your desk contains a bent paper clip, you ~~would~~ may find yourself out of
a job.

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91. *Had come* is wrong because it places one action in the past before another action in the past — not the meaning expressed by this sentence. Instead, sentence one needs a verb to link past and present, and *has come* fills the bill.

92. *Will be* places the action in the future, but the memo once again seeks to establish that the bending went on in the past and continues in the present, so present perfect tense (*have been bending*) does the job.

93. *Bent* is an irregular past form. *Bended* is never correct in Standard English.

94. Because you're talking about duty, *should* works nicely here. You may also select *am reminding* because the boss is in the process of reminding the employees of paper clip prices.

95. Present tense is better because the boss is concerned about current expenses.

96.The boss is bragging about fairness in the past, which continues in the present. Thus present perfect tense (*have given*) is best. **Note:** The *always* may be placed between the two words of the verb (*have always given*) if you wish.

97.The pronoun *I*, though singular, takes the plural form *do*, not the singular form *does*.

98.*Thought* is the irregular past tense form of the verb *to think*.

99.No need for progressive here, because the boss wants to tell the underlings when the investigation will end, not when it will be going on.

100.You're expressing a real possibility here, so *will* or *may* works well. The helper *will* is more definite. *May* leaves a little wiggle room.



FEEDBACK