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MR. TOP TIPS





What is a tense?

The tense of verbs –doing or being words- tell us when things happen.

1. Past Simple	Present Simple
<p>Tells us that an action has <u>already been completed</u>- in the past.</p> <p>EX: I ate pizza yesterday.</p>	<p>Used to express a habit or general truth of an action.</p> <p>EX: I eat pizza everyday.</p>

Top Tip:
When is this event taking place?

2. Progressive/Continuous Tense

Past Progressive

Use for a continuous action in the past.

Trigger words:

Was

Were + verb ing

EX: I *was* eating pizza when you arrived.

Present Progressive

To describe an action that is happening at the moment.

Trigger words:

Am

Are

Is + verb ing



EX: I *am* eating pizza right now.

3. Perfect tense



Past Perfect

To talk about an event that was completed in the past before something else happened.

Trigger Word:
had + verb ed

EX: I had eaten all the pizza when it arrived.

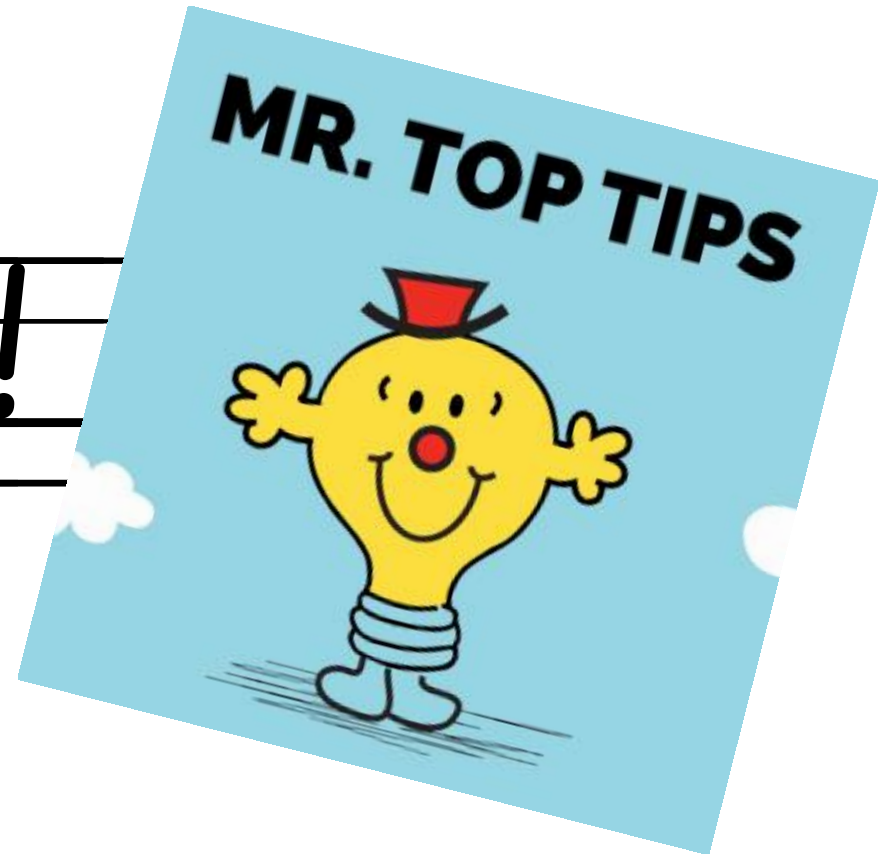
Present Perfect

To talk about a past action which is not defined by a time or an action which started in the past and has continued up until now.

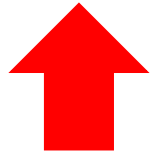
Trigger Words:
Have
Has + verb ed

EX: I have eaten all of the pizza.

Let's try some!



The man had pressed the button.

simple past	past progressive	past perfect 	present progressive	present perfect	simple present
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I am munching jelly beans.

simple past

*past
progressive*

past perfect

*present
progressive*

present perfect

simple present



*She added noodle to the
soup.*

simple past

*past
progressive*

past perfect

*present
progressive*

present perfect

simple present



*He was dreaming of karate
in class.*

simple past

*past
progressive*

past perfect

*present
progressive*

present perfect

simple present



She has been singing in the shower.

simple past

*past
progressive*

past perfect

*present
progressive*

present perfect

simple present



I love to read every night.

simple past

*past
progressive*

past perfect

*present
progressive*

present perfect

simple present

