

# PRESENT TENSE IN ENGLISH SIMPLIFIED

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- ▶ There are two forms of this tense and they are:
  - Present simple
  - Present continuous

# Present simple

- ▶ The present simple is used ‘to talk about things in general.’ It is used to refer to ‘something that happens all the time or repeatedly, or something is true in general.’ (Murphy, 2012, p. 4)
- Translators translate from source languages to target languages.
- I go to the mosque on Fridays.
- He speaks four languages.
- Footballers play football.

# Present simple

- ▶ In order to make negative sentences and questions, do and does are used.
- I don't believe this story.
- Does she work everyday?

# Present continuous

- ▶ The present continuous is used refer to something started and not finished yet. (Murphy, 2012, p. 2)
- I am watching the game.
- She is reading the book.
- Mohammed is playing football.

# References

- ▶ Murphy, R. (2012). English grammar in use. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.