# English Tenses / Englische Zeiten

#### Past Perfect / Plusquamperfekt

If I had seen him, I would have talked to him.

**Keywords** 

- before

- if

#### Use

- Action happening before past simple
- 3rd contitional

Yesterday, it didn't rain a lot. Two years ago, he went to Spain Did the war end in 1945?

**Keywords** 

- in 1845

yesterday

last month

2 vears ago

#### Use

- Short action in the past that is over
- Stories/tales

# Present Simple / Präsens

I don't often work out at the gym. Every day, I go to school by bike. Do you always wear a helmet?

#### Use

- Facts/truths
- Hobby/habit Stative verbs
- **Timetables**

### Keywords

- every day
  - usually, often - never, seldom
  - always, rarely
  - normally

#### **Future Simple / Futur**

He won't be a great football player. Tomorrow, they won't see the lake. Will you open the door for me?

#### Use

- Spontanous decisions
- Predictions

suggestions

**Present Continiuous /** 

Verlaufsform im Präsens

Peter **is reading** a book *now*.

I'm not working at present.

She is visiting her parents next week.

Listen! Isn't she singing?

Offers

#### Kevwords

- next year
- tomorrow

#### Future going to / going to Futur

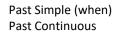
I'm flying to New York tomorrow. Am I not seeing the dentist tonight? We **aren't getting** married *next year*.

#### Use

- Predictions
- Plans (80%)
- intentions

#### Keywords

- Time reference in future



(while) Past Continuous **Past Continous** 



#### Past Continuous/ Verlaufsform im Präteritum

It happened while I was driving. I was walking to school, when I saw Peter.

Wasn't she working all day?

#### Use

- Emphasis on length
- Overlapping action

## **Keywords**

- while
- when
- as long as constantly
- all day long

#### Present Perfekt / Perfekt

Have you ever been to the States? I've known her since kindergarten. The Queen hasn't given her speech vet.

#### Use

- Unfinished action How long
  - Life experience news

#### **Keywords**

- for since
- yet ever
- the moment Plans in the future

(100%)

happening at

Actions

Use

#### Kevwords

- at present / the moment
- riaht now
- currently