

**The National Research
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IELTS (*International English Language Testing System*)

Listening: 40 minutes

Reading: 60 minutes

Writing: 60 minutes

Speaking: 11–14 minutes

adjective

hard-working

artistic

supportive

adventurous

talkative

antonyms

useless, ineffective

tasteless

unsupportive

careful, cautious

quiet, shy, secretive

adjective

creative

wise

considerate

conscientious

helpful

antonyms

dull, talentless

witless, foolish

absentminded, uncivil

negligent, lazy

harmful, useless

noun

adjective

1. respect - respect**ed**/respect**ful**/respect**able**

2. ambition - ambitio**us**

3. care - caring**ful**

4. sense of humor - humor**ous**

5. talent - talent**ed**

6. generosity - genero**us**





respect**able**



Respect**ed by**



Respect**ful to**

(towards)

noun

adjective

8 sociability - soci**able**

9 calmness - calm

10 punctuality - punctual

11 reliability - reli**able**

12 loyalty - loyal

UN...

unhealthy
unfriendly
unhelpful
unspoken
unhappy
unfair
unfaithful
uncomfortable
unusual
unlikely
unshaven
unreal

IM...

 My English Teacher

impossible
impolite
imperfect
impatient
imprecise
immoral
improbable
imperceptible
impure
imbalanced
immaculate
impeccable

IN...

infrequent
incompetent
incapable
incorrect
incredible
inexpensive
inexpressive
inseparable
incompatible
inconsiderate
inadequate
invalid

Present simple

4. in proverbs and sayings

Every rose has its thorn.

A friend in need is a friend
indeed.

Give a man a fish and you feed

Adverbs of frequency
always, occasionally

as a rule, often

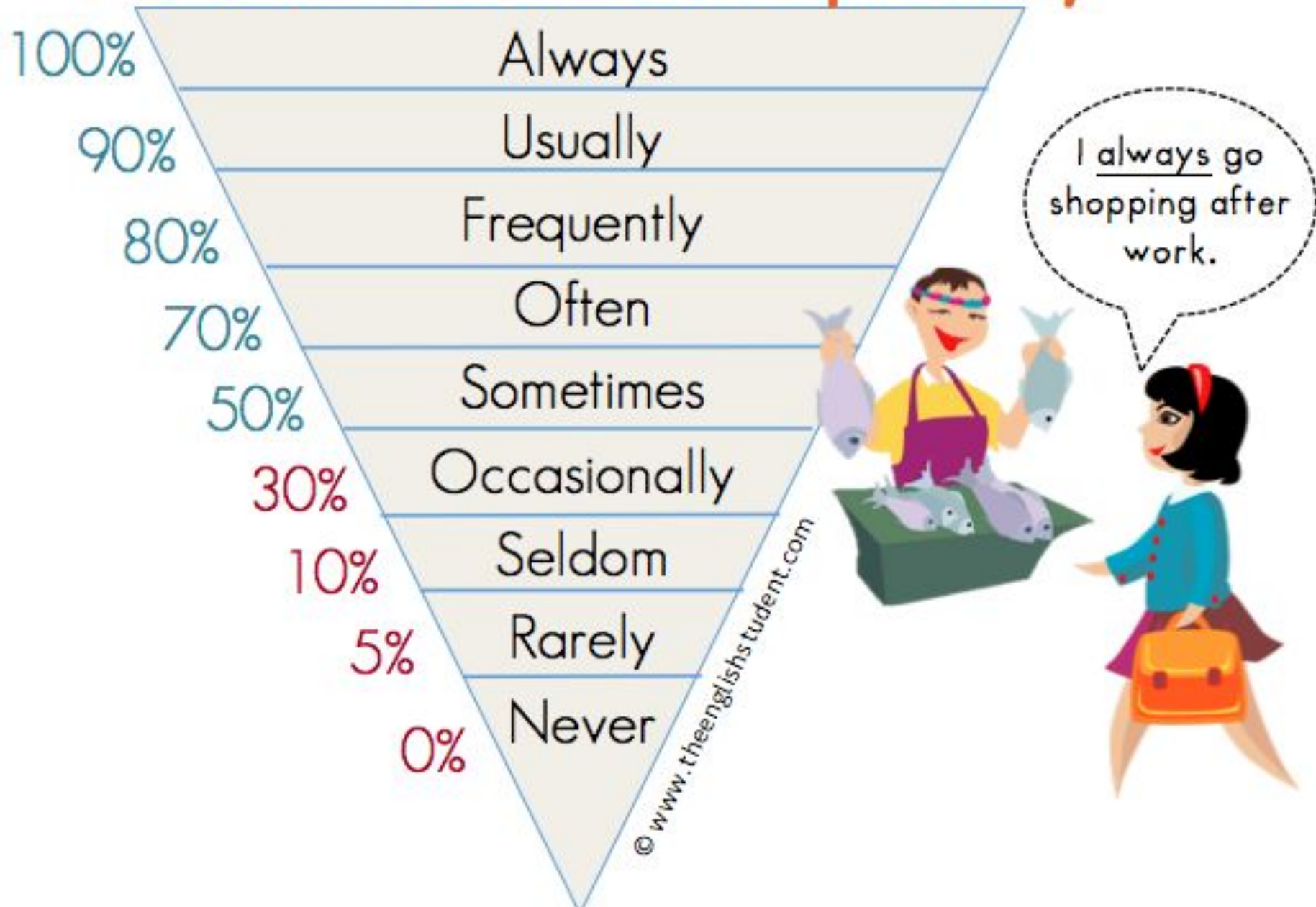
regularly,

every day (week ...)

seldom, generally, sometimes, never

usually

Adverbs of Frequency



Present continuous

1. to describe actions and events which are happening 'around now'

(the actions and events may not be apparent at the time of writing or speaking)

(currently, presently, this week (month...))

Present continuous

The earth is becoming warmer year by year.

More and more students are applying for the course.



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ent.

When NOT To Use Present Continuous

Verbs of opinion:
(“state verbs” or “stative verbs”)

know, believe, understand, recognize,
prefer, agree/disagree,
approve/disapprove, suppose, suspect

Verbs of possession:

have, own, belong, possess, include, owe

When NOT To Use Present Continuous

(“state verbs” or “stative verbs”)
Verbs involving perception of

the senses:

hear, smell, see, feel, appear, seem,
resemble

Verbs of emotion:

love, hate, like, want, need, desire, wish

When NOT To Use Present Continuous

(“state verbs” or “stative verbs”)
**Verbs that describe intrinsic
states/qualities:**

weigh, contain, consist, measure, cost,
exist, depend, deserve, involve, matter

Present simple or present continuous?

verbs that have a 'state' and 'action'

State: *I think...* Action: *I'm thinking...*

State: *I have...* Action: *I am having...*

State: *It smells...* Action: *It is smelling...*



ACTION

Present simple or present continuous?

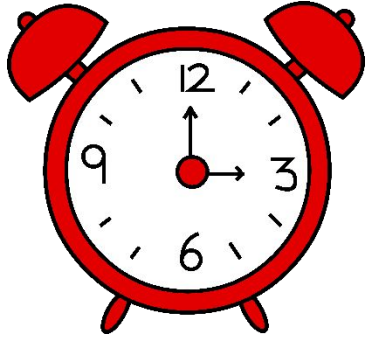
verbs that have a 'state' and 'action'

State: I think studying languages is important.

Action: I'm thinking about this problem.
Give me a few minutes.



ALWAYS



I always (usually, every day)...

He is always (continually, or constantly)...



irritation

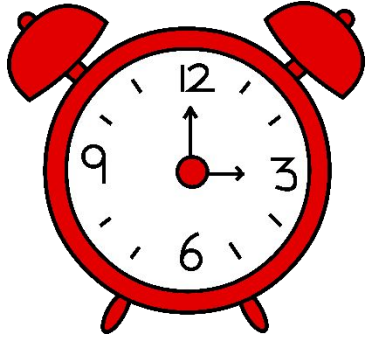
ALWAYS

Present simple: He always gets up at 7 am. (He does it as a matter of routine.)

Present continuous: He's always talking about his



the verb to be



He is always (usually, every day)...

**He is being now....
surprise**



the verb to be

Present simple: She is very persistent.

(This is part of her personality.)

Present continuous: She is being very

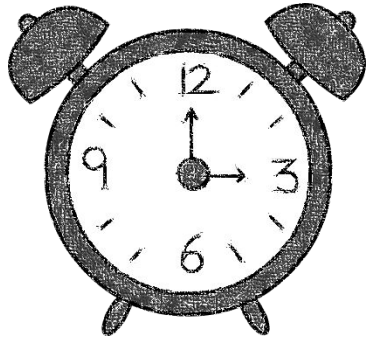
persistent at the moment. (This is

unusual for her. This is not her normal

the verb to be

She is being very persistent at the moment. (This is unusual for her)





Past simple

1. a completed action, event or state in the past which is not

connected with **now**

2. an action or event at a particular

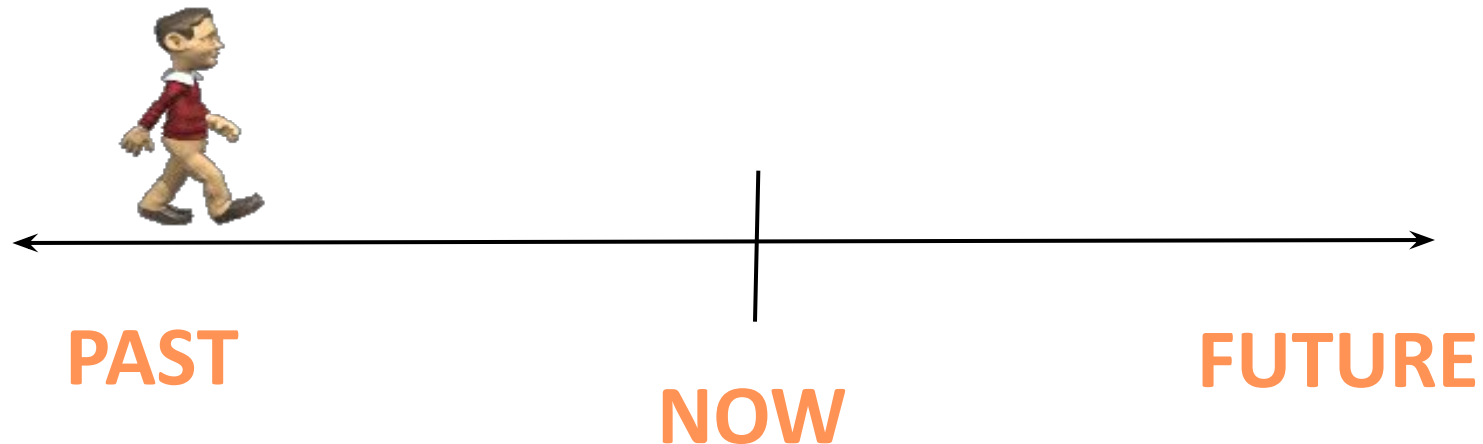
time, or during a particular period

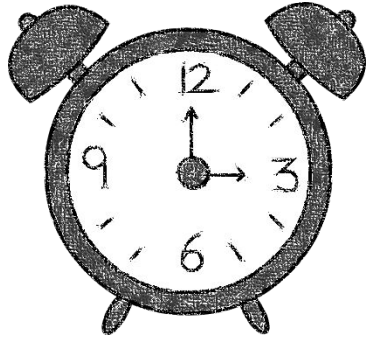
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Past Simple

- Indicates an action that took place before now, and has no real connection with the current time

He walked to school





Signal words Simple Past

ago, an hour ago, one week ago,

in 2011 ..., in 1999 ..., last

month, last week, last year, last

weekend, last summer,

yesterday, at 5 o'clock

When did ?