Fourth Year
English Language
Lecture Three
Tenses

A quick review

Tenses أزمنة الأفعال

1.Present Tense: الزمن المضارع

Present Simple Tense: This Tense is used to describe : زمن المضارع البسيط
يستخدم هذا الزمن لوصف:

a. **General Facts** :Statements which are always true.
   Examples:
   1. Baghdad lies in the centre of Iraq.
   2. The sun sets in the west.
   3. Modern cars run fast.
   4. Fish live underwater.
   5. Cows eat grass.

B. **Habitual actions**: Actions that are performed on a regular basis(i.e. daily,weekly, monthly, yearly,...etc).

Examples:

1. I get up early in the morning.
2. He watches TV every evening.
3. Suha helps her mother in the kitchen.
4. They visit their uncle on weekends.
5. We play soccer once a week.

Adverbs of frequency: Are adverbs that are used with this tense to describe the frequency(how many times) with which the verb is performed. They are:

Always
Usually
Often
Sometimes
Rarely

Hardly
Hardly ever
Barely
Seldom
Never
Note: Adverbs of frequency come in the second place in a sentence(after the subject), except for **sometimes** which can come in the first place or the second place.

Examples:

1. I always get up early.
2. The final exam usually takes three hours to finish.
3. My friend often phones me at night.
4. My left leg sometimes hurts me.
5. Sometimes my left leg hurts me.
6. I rarely go to the GYM.
7. He hardly understands maths.
8. She hardly ever leaves her mother alone in the kitchen.
9. My friends seldom watch soccer matches on TV.
10. The student barely passes his exams.
11. We never eat in the classroom.

Discussing grammar
Compare the meaning in the pairs of sentences.
Which tenses are used?Why/

1. Klaus ***comes*** from Berlin. (Present Simple Tense)
   Klaus is coming from Berlin.(Present Continuous Tense)
2. You***'re*** very kind. Thank you.(Present Simple Tense)
   You***'re being*** very kind.What do you want?(Present Continuous tense)
3. What ***were*** you ***doing*** when the accident happened?(Past Continuous Tense)
   What ***did*** you ***do*** when the accident happened?(Past Simple Tense)
4. I***'ve lived*** in Singapore for five years. (Present Perfect Tense)
   I ***lived*** in Singapore for five years.(Past Simple Tense)
5. When we arrived, he ***tidied*** the flat.(Past Simple Tense)
   When we arrived, he***'d tidied*** the flat.(Past Perfect Tense)

6. We***'ll have*** dinner at 8.00, shall we?(Future Simple Tense)
   Don't call at 8.00. We***'ll be having*** dinner.(Future Continuous Tense)
7. How much ***are*** you ***paying*** to have the house painted?(Active Voice, Present Continuous Tense)
   How much ***are*** you ***being paid*** to paint the house?(passive Voice, Present Continuous tense)
8. How ***do*** you ***do***?(Present Simple Tense) (Formal Greeting)
   How ***are*** you ***doing***?(Present Continuous Tense) (Informal Greeting)

Spoken English **Missing** words out

Which words are missing in these lines from conversations?

1. Heard about Jane and John getting engaged?(Have you heard about-------?)
2. Leaving already? What's wrong?(Are you leaving already?)
3. Failed again? How many times is that?(Have you failed again?)
4. Sorry I'm late. Been waiting long?(Have you been waiting long?)
5. Doing anything interesting this weekend?(Are you doing anything interesting this weekend?)
6. Like the car! When did you get it?(I like the car!)
7. Bye Joe! see you later. (I'll see you later.)
8. Just coming!hang on!(I'm just coming!Hang on!)
9. Want a lift?Hop in.(Do you want a lift?Hop in.)
10. Seen Jim Lately?(Have you seen Jim lately?