

Tenses

In most languages, verbs (action words) have **tenses**. A verb tense tells you **when** something happens.

The Present Tense

So far, all Latin verbs we've seen have been in the **present** tense. The present tense is used for any action that is happening **right now**.

The present tense can be translated 3 ways:

Subject	Examples	
1. _____s	he runs	we run
2. am/is/are _____ing	he is running	we are running
3. do/does _____	he does run	we do run

Testing Your Translation

As an English speaker, you can always test to see if your translation works by adding the words **right now** before or after your translation.

- If you add **right now** and your translation still *sounds* right to you, then your translation works!
- If you add **right now** and your translation doesn't make sense, then your translation is probably wrong.

Examples:

I am running right now	Works
They returned right now	Doesn't Work
We sleep right now	Works
We slept right now	Doesn't Work