

The A2 tense map

Focus: tense review: the six A2 tenses with their time words, in a mixed text

1 Complete the tense map with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Example: Present simple: I _____ (work) at night. → work

Tense	Time words	Example
Present simple	every day, usually, always	I work at night.
Present continuous	now, this week, these days	I _____ (learn) to drive now.
Past simple	yesterday, ago, in 2021	I _____ (move) here in 2021.
Past continuous	when, while, at 8.00	I _____ (work) when you called.
Present perfect	ever, just, yet, for, since	I _____ (pass) two exams so far.
Future forms	tomorrow, next year, in May	I'm going to start B1 next year.

2 Complete the text with the correct tense of the verbs in brackets.

Example: Omar _____ (not / like) his first English lessons. → didn't like

- Omar is a nurse. He usually _____ (work) at night.
- At the moment he _____ (do) the day shift because a colleague is ill.
- He _____ (move) to Yerevan five years ago.
- He _____ (live) in the same flat since 2021.
- When he arrived, he _____ (not / understand) any English.
- He _____ (study) at home when his teacher called with good news.
- He _____ (just / pass) his A2 exam!
- Next month he _____ (go) to start the B1 course.

3 Choose the correct word.

Example: _____ you usually work at weekends? (Do / Are / Did) → Do

- What _____ you doing at nine o'clock last night? (were / did / are)
- How long _____ you known your manager? (do / have / did)
- _____ you ever worked abroad? (Did / Have / Do)
- When _____ you start your first job? (have / were / did)
- _____ you going to apply for the job? (Are / Do / Will)
- What _____ your first boss like? (was / did / were)

ANSWER KEY

1 I'm learning, 2 moved, 3 was working, 4 've passed 2 1 works, 2 is doing, 3 moved, 4 has lived, 5 didn't understand, 6 was studying, 7 has just passed, 8 is going 3 1 were, 2 have, 3 Have, 4 did, 5 Are, 6 was