

Essential English Grammar

A Functional Guide.

Mastering identity, routines, and descriptions. This guide transforms standard assessment rules into a practical handbook. We move from defining who you are to describing the world around you.



The Verb “To Be”

Subject + Be + Complement

She **is** from Mexico.

Possessives

Possessive + Noun

Her husband is a doctor.

He → **His** name | I → **My** surname

Defining Identity and Relationships



Name Field:
I **am** Ricardo.



Origin Field:
We **are** from Brazil.



Family Field:
They **are** my parents.

Quick Check

Quiz: _____ you a teacher? No, I'm not. (Fill in the blank)

Quiz: Is this (you / your) bag? (Select one)

Describing Appearance and Characteristics

State vs. Possession

To Be / State



He **is** tall and slim.

Fiona **is** shy.

→ Use "**To Be**" for Adjectives.

Have Got / Possession



I **have got** a new grey suit.

She **has got** long fair hair.

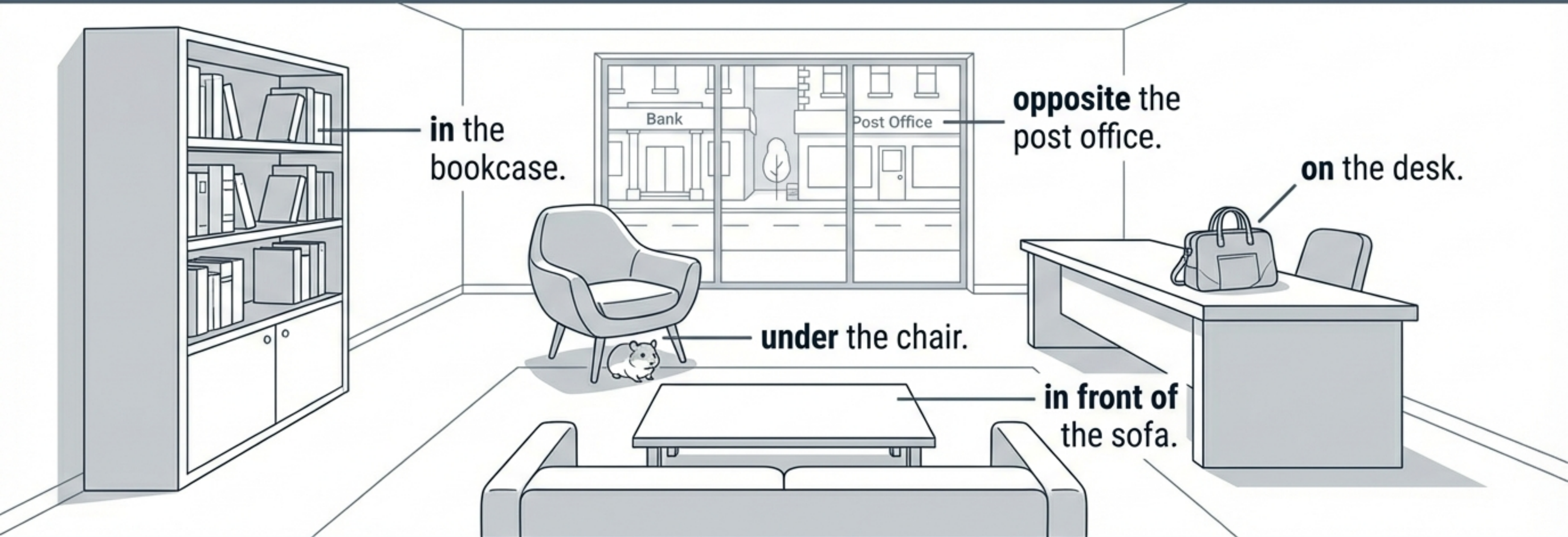
→ Use "**Have Got**" for specific features or items.

Quick Check

Quiz: I _____ a new grey suit. (Choose: am / have got)

Mapping the Room

Prepositions of Place define relationships between objects.



Quick Check

Quiz: Put your bag _____ the desk. (Hint: On top of it)

Routines and Habits: Present Simple

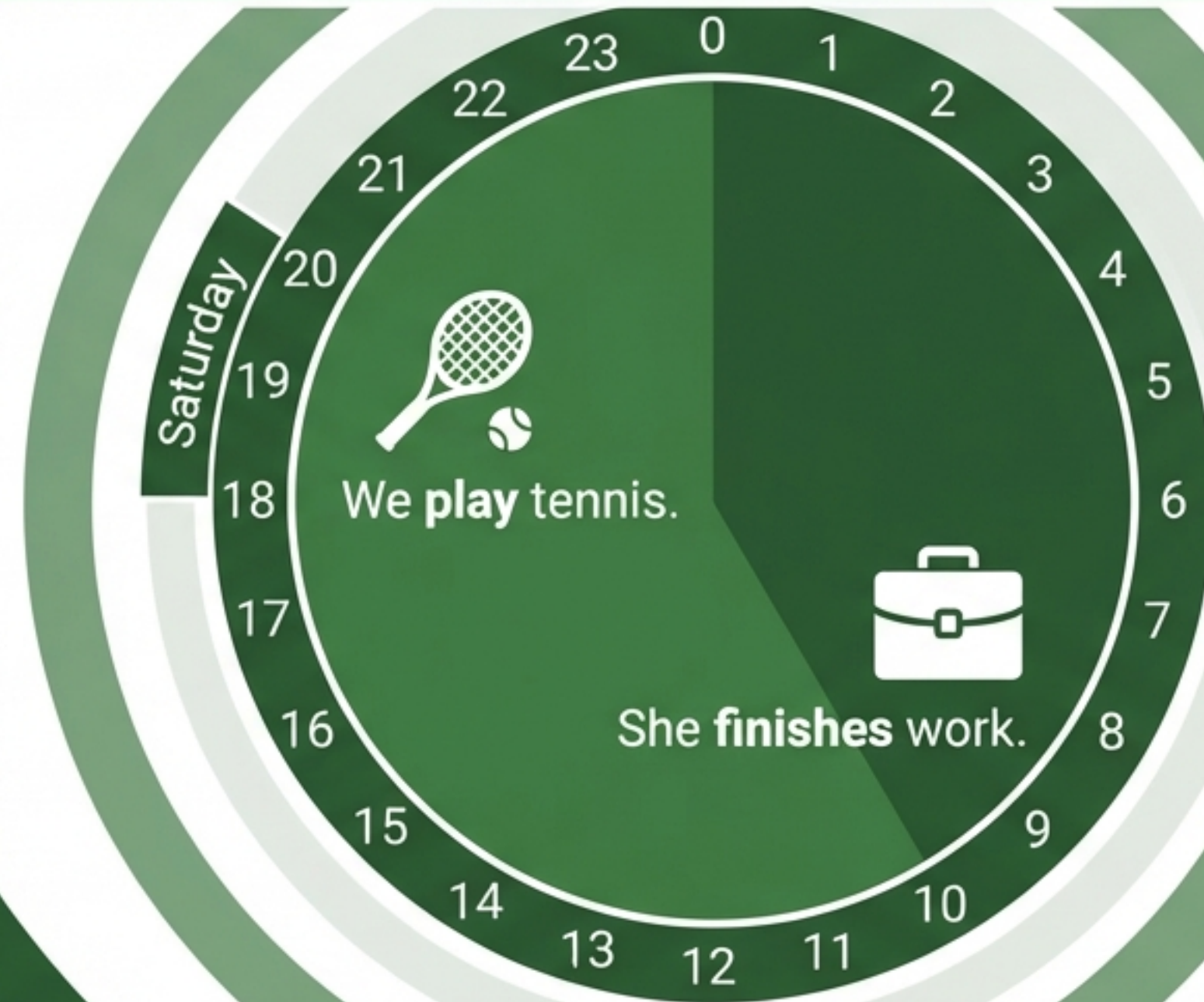
The 3rd Person Rule

I / You / We / They → Drive / Play

He / She / It → Drives / Finishes



Negative Form: He **doesn't** like football. (Not: He don't).



Quick Check

Quiz: I usually (drive / drives) to work.

Quiz: (Do / Does) you cook dinner every night?

Frequency: How Often?

Placement Rule:

Rule 1: After the verb 'To Be' (She is never...)

Rule 2: Before other verbs (We often eat...)

Frequency Scale

0%

50%

75%

100%

Never

She is never late.

Sometimes

He **sometimes** cooks.

Often

We **often** eat out.

Always

They are **always** happy.

Quick Check

Quiz: Rewrite: "I go to the gym on Mondays. (usually)"



Happening at This Very Moment

Present Progressive (Subject + Be + Verb-ing)



Observation

Look! It **is raining** outside.



Current State

I **am wearing** my new coat today.



Action

She **is reading** (she is not sleeping).

Keywords: **Look!**, **Right now**, **Today**.

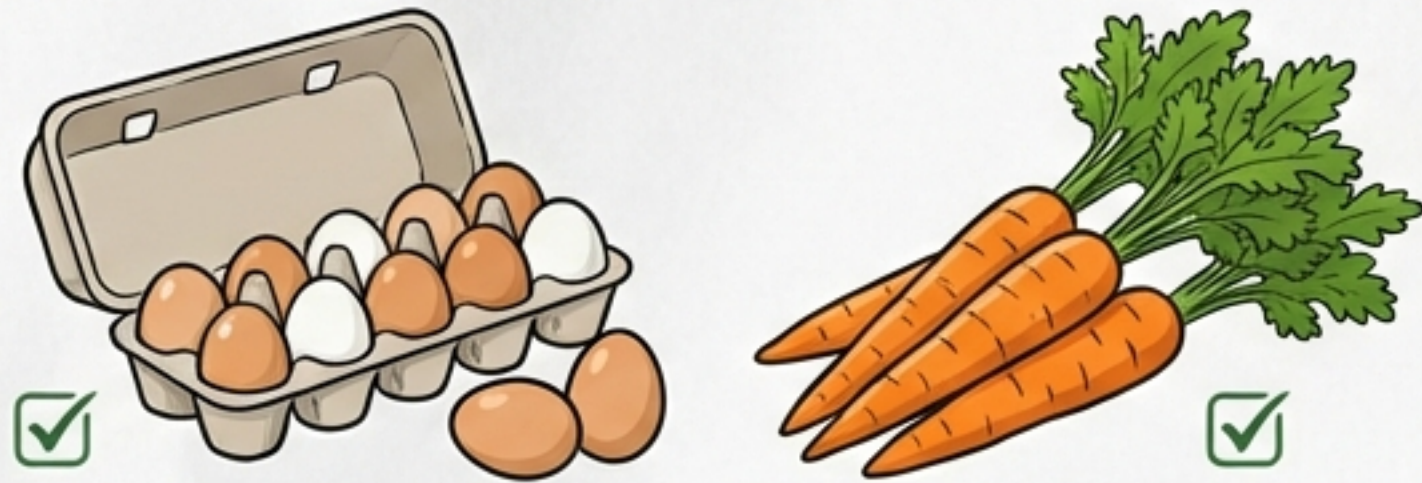
Quick Check Quiz: They _____ (wait) for the bus.

Quick Check Quiz: What _____ you _____ (do) right now?

At the Market: Quantities

Countable vs. Uncountable Nouns

Countable (1, 2, 3...)



How many eggs?

There are some carrots.

Uncountable (Volume/Concept)



How much money?

“Would you like some water?”

We haven't got any milk.”

Quiz: There are (some / any) carrots in the fridge.

Telling Stories About Yesterday

Past Simple Tense

YESTERDAY



To Be (Past):
Where were you? /
I was at the beach.



Regular Action (+ed):
We watched a film.



Irregular Action (Change form):
She went to Paris.
(Go → Went).



Negative:
I didn't buy it.

Quick Check Quiz: A: Did you buy the computer?
B: No, I _____ (not / buy) it.

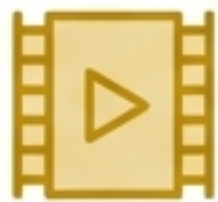
Social Interactions and Politeness

Using Modals to offer, suggest, and advise.



Would you like
some coffee?

You **should go**
to the dentist.



How about **going**
to the cinema?

I can **speak**
three languages.



Quiz: Match: 'Can I...' to '...take a message?'

Common Pitfalls to Avoid

Checklist of Grammar Mistakes and Corrections



He *don't* like football.



He **doesn't** like football.



I surname is Davidson.



My surname is Davidson.



How much eggs?



How many eggs?



Books are *inside* the bookcase.



Books are **in** the bookcase.

Grammar Rules Summary

<p>IDENTITY: BE: am/is/are POSSESSIVE: my/your/her</p>	<p>ROUTINE: PRESENT SIMPLE: +s for He/She ADVERBS: Always...Never</p>	<p>NOW: PRESENT PROGRESSIVE: Be + -ing (Is raining)</p>
<p>DESCRIPTION: HAVE GOT: Possession BE: State/Adjective</p>	<p>PAST: PAST SIMPLE: Was/Were Regular (-ed) Irregular (Go-Went)</p>	<p>QUANTITY: COUNTABLE: Many/Some UNCOUNTABLE: Much/Any</p>

Answer Key

Check your answers from the footer questions here.

1. **am**
2. **is**
3. **are**
4. **Are**
5. **are**
6. **My**
7. **Her**
8. **Our**
9. **His**
10. **your**

11. **in**
12. **in front of**
13. **opposite**
14. **on**
15. **under**
16. **drive**
17. **finishes**
18. **doesn't**
19. **play**
20. **Do**

21. **I usually go...**
22. **She is never...**
23. **We often eat...**
24. **He sometimes**
25. **They are always...**
26. **has got**
27. **is**
28. **have got**
29. **is**
30. **have got**

31. **some**
32. **any**
33. **How many**
34. **some**
35. **How much**
36. **is raining**
37. **am wearing**
38. **are/doing**

38. **are/doing**
40. **are waiting**
41. **were**
42. **didn't buy**
43. **watched**
44. **did**
45. **went**

You Have the Building Blocks

You have reviewed the essentials: Identity, Space, Routine, Time, and Interaction. patterns are the foundation of conversation you will have in English.



“Practice these patterns until they become habits.”