



Paco travels to South Africa: Paco used to wear a mac in England



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Present Simple vs Past Simple

Present Simple: Habits and routines, present interests, likes and dislikes, describing people, scheduled events, facts and generalizations

Subject + verb + (Indirect Ob.) + (Direct Ob.) + (Complements)

E.g.: I like meeting new people / I don't like impolite people

E.g.: Paco feels overwhelmed with his thoughts (3rd. person singular)

Past Simple: Completed actions in the past, past interests, likes and dislikes, duration in the past, facts, generalizations and situations in the past

Subject + verb + (Indirect Ob.) + (Direct Ob.) + (Complements)

E.g.: The man told a story / It didn't teach me to sing a love song

E.g.: He realized what was happening (3rd. person singular)

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-ed vs -ing adjectives

-ed	express how people feel	bored interested surprised amazed tired
-ing	refer to the person or thing that causes the feelings in -ed	boring interesting surprising amazing tiring



Word formation: Adjectives

Suffixes used to form adjectives

Suffix	Meaning	Examples
-able, -ible	capable of being	<i>acceptable, valuable, comprehensible</i>
-al, -ial, -ical	like, suitable for, function of	<i>professional, territorial, categorical</i>
-ant, -ent	kind of agent, thing or person who	<i>important, dependent</i>
-ar, -ary	relating to, like	<i>spectacular, unitary</i>
-ate	to become associated with, kind of state	<i>inviolated,</i>
-ful	marked by, having, giving	<i>successful, hopeful</i>
-ic	like, having the nature of	<i>generic, metallic, scientific</i>
-ish	having the character of	<i>childish, newish</i>
-ive, -ative, -itive	of, belonging to, quality of	<i>festive, informative, sensitive</i>
-less	without, missing	<i>hopeless, homeless</i>
-ous, -eous, -ious	characterized by, having quality of	<i>dangerous, courageous, luxurious</i>
-y	quality, marked by, somewhat like	<i>hungry, angry, funny</i>

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Order of adjectives

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Determiner	Opinion	Physical Description				Origin	Material	Qualifier	Noun
		Size	Age	Shape	Color				
Paco's	beautiful				grey	Italian			mac
the		big	new			British			plane
your	surprising			round	yellow		plastic		balls
his				short	dark				hair
Andrés's	kind	tall	young						sister
a		huge				American	silver	hunting	gun
several	strong		old			South African		rugby	players
some	marvellous			square			wooden		frames

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Vowel sounds

/ɪ/ vs /i:/

/ɪ/

Common spellings

	/ɪ/	examples	notes
More frequent spellings	<i>i</i>	did, it, this, university, fish	
	<i>y</i>	city, pity, symbol	Most words ending in consonant + -y are pronounced /ɪ/
Less frequent spellings	<i>e</i>	wanted, houses, women, business, careless	
	<i>ie</i>	cities, ladies	
	<i>a</i>	village, private	
Others	women, build, Sunday..., business, minute, England		



/i:/

Common spellings



	/i:/	examples	notes
More Frequent spellings	<i>ee</i>	tree, meet, see, bee, between	
	<i>ea</i>	eat, each, bean, meat	
	<i>ie</i>	brief, relieve, achieve	
	<i>e</i>	she, he, these, be, me	
Less frequent spellings	<i>ei, ey</i>	receive, key	
	<i>i</i>	police, machine, prestige	
Others	people		

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