

Book: Interchange 2

Level: 8<sup>th</sup>

Unit: 9

Objective: Describing events using time contrasts between the past, present, and future.

## Time Contrasts

### Past Simple

Subject + verb in past tense + rest

Subject + didn't + verb in present tense + rest

e.g.:

In the past, people traveled by horse.

Thirty years ago, people didn't use cell phones.



Subject + was / were + rest

Subject + wasn't / weren't + rest

Remember: I / he / she / it + was      we / you / they + were

e.g.:

A few years ago, technology was more expensive than today.

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, streets weren't paved in Costa Rica.



### Used to

Subject + used to + verb in present tense + rest

Subject + didn't + use to + verb in present tense + rest

e.g.:

Before, children used to play games outside their homes.

About 50 years ago, people didn't use to work with computers.



## Present Simple

I / You / We / They + verb + rest

He / She / It + verb + s + rest

I / You / We / They + don't + verb + rest

He / She / It + doesn't + verb + rest

e.g.:

In the present, people use cell phones to play games, listen music, work, and watch videos.

Today, social media influences many aspects of our lives.

Nowadays, people don't write letters as often as they did in the past.

These days, society doesn't pay much attention to good manners.



## Present Continuous

Subject + is/are + verb + -ing + rest

Subject + isn't/aren't + verb + -ing + rest

e.g.:

These days, people are buying many things on line.

Today, children aren't playing traditional games anymore.

## Future with Going to

Subject + is/are + going to + verb + rest

Subject + isn't/aren't + going to + verb + rest

e.g.:

Soon, people are going to enjoy more advanced technology.

In a few years, students aren't going to use paper notebooks at school.



### Future with Will

Subject + will + verb + rest

Subject + won't + verb + rest

e.g.:

In the future, children will play only electronic games.

Ten years from now, people won't use cell phones as we know them today.

### Future with Might

Subject + might + verb + rest

Subject + might + not + verb + rest



e.g.:

Sometime in the (near) future, people might travel by smart, energy efficient cars only.

In (the next) twenty years, people might not wear the kind of clothes we wear today.