

Tommy T's English Tense Training

Meet Tommy T — your guide through the **colourful**, **confusing**, and **often surprising world of English tenses**.

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In this story-based journey in the first book of the series, you'll follow Tommy as he ventures out from his safe space in the accounts department into the vibrant marketing department filled with quirky characters, unexpected situations, and everyday moments that bring English grammar to life. The unfolding storyline introduces a different tense naturally, helping you *feel* how English works before you study the rules.

Along the way, you'll meet a host of characters — all illustrated to make learning memorable, visual, and fun.

But the adventure doesn't stop with the story.

In the second half of the book, Tommy turns teacher. Here you'll find:

- **Clear, simple tense explanations** written for adult learners
- **Practical examples** connected to real communication
- **Step-by-step training exercises** to strengthen your understanding
- **Plenty of practice** to help you use each tense confidently
- **Answer key** to check



Whether you're learning English for work, study, or personal improvement, *Tommy T's English Tense Training* makes grammar feel less stressful and far more enjoyable. The book combines storytelling with structured learning so you can understand the tenses not just in theory — but in real life.

Join Tommy T and his colleagues and start your journey to clear, confident English today.



Look Inside



1. I'm an accountant.



Present
Simple for
unchanging
situations

Thomas is an accountant and works for a fairly large company. He loves his job. He's a number's guy, a regular number cruncher. He enjoys the routine of it, all the rules and regulations. Some people think it's rather a dull kind of job but not Thomas. Oh, the comforting regularity – jour fix at 9am every Monday morning, huddle meeting every Friday afternoon to round off the week. He analyses accounts, conducts routine and annual audits, prepares tax returns and financial records, compiles budgets, maximises investments – and that's just for starters!

Let's see what a typical working day is like for Thomas. He normally gets up in the week at about 7.00am, takes a shower, cleans his teeth and does all the usual things people do in the bathroom. Then he makes breakfast – usually toast with marmalade and coffee. At the weekends he usually partakes of a more substantial breakfast – bacon, sausage, eggs, mushrooms and baked beans.



Present
Simple for
habits &
routines

5. He usually has toast with marmalade for breakfast.

He considers himself to be a discerning sort of fellow when it comes to the television. His absolute favourite programme is a quiz show called "Wheel of Fortune" and it's on every Monday evening. It's a general knowledge quiz and he is very good at it. He dislikes it when the TV schedules change (which they do more than he likes these days) so on Monday mornings he tends to check with his good neighbour, Sam who is always on hand to help anybody out. Thomas is very, very old-school (and proud of it) and is in the habit of avoiding digital things as far as possible. He relishes a good old-fashioned printed newspaper to get his information

– which is why Sam and he get on so well together as Sam is exactly the same. As Sam lives at the end of the street, he gets his morning newspaper delivered earlier than Thomas so Thomas relies on him for certain things.

A typical Monday morning phone conversation goes like this:

“Good morning, Sam. How are you today?”

“Fine, thanks Thomas. And you?”

“I’m fine, thanks. Just to check – does Wheel of Fortune begin at the normal time tonight? I don’t want to miss it. It’s my favourite programme of the week!”



“Oh yes, I know it is, Thomas – I think it begins at 7.30pm, the same time as usual but I can just check if you give me a moment.”

“Yes, Thomas – everything is ok. No changes.”

“Phew ... that’s good. Now I can have my breakfast in peace.”

**Present
Simple for
timetables**

6. I think it begins at 7.30pm.

So, there you have it. His life. Completely routine - no shocks, no nasty surprises. And (if you haven’t already noticed) – incredibly grey!

Little did Thomas know, however, that his grey life was about to change.

A brief summary of *Tommy T's English Tense Training* — where clear grammar meets a lively, engaging story.



Meet Thomas, an orderly, routine-loving accountant whose life is as predictable as his Monday morning briefing. He gets up at 7am, eats toast with marmalade, avoids anything digital, and never—ever—misses *Wheel of Fortune*. But little does he know that his perfectly grey life is about to be turned upside down.

Follow Thomas as he cycles to work, bumps into Penelope Palmer (who always talks far too much for his liking), rushes to unexpected events, and overhears conversations that pull him into the **colourful** world of English tenses.



Through each chapter, the story introduces a tense naturally, giving learners a clear feeling of *how English works in real life*:

- **Present Simple** for habits, routines, and unchanging truths
- **Present Continuous** for future arrangements
- **Going to** for decisions and predictions
- ...and many more tenses as the story develops

Every example you read in the story is mirrored by a grammar point, making the learning feel effortless and intuitive.

But the real training begins in the **second half of the book**.

Here, you'll find:

✓ Clear explanations

Simple, adult-friendly grammar notes that explain **when** and **why** each tense is used.

✓ Examples from real communication

All connected to workplace English, everyday situations, and practical life.

✓ Guided practice

Gap-fills, rewrites, transformations, "fix the mistake" drills, and context tasks that help you build confidence step by step.

✓ Story-linked exercises

You'll use information from Thomas's journey to practise tenses meaningfully — not just mechanically.

✓ Answer key

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Join Tommy T and discover how a simple story can transform the way you understand English tenses.

