

## 3 Present Tenses

### Simple Present

Habitual action - *My English class meets too early or too late.*

*I usually walk to school.*

*She always smiles a lot.*

Always true - *Canada is big, but it's population is small.*

*Lying gets you into trouble.*

Non-action - *They own a house downtown.*

*I smell something bad.*

*She likes the guy with blue eyes.*

### Present Progressive (formed with BE + ING)

Right now - *We're writing in our notebooks.*

In a given period - *Are you taking Marketing this semester?*

But usually NOT with non-action verbs –

**X** *We are liking each other.* **X**

### Present Perfect (formed with HAS/HAVE + the past participle)

Started in the past but continues to the present –

*They've studied Physics for a long time.*

With FOR /SINCE - *We've been here since 7:30.*

In the past, but at no given time – *He's gone home already*