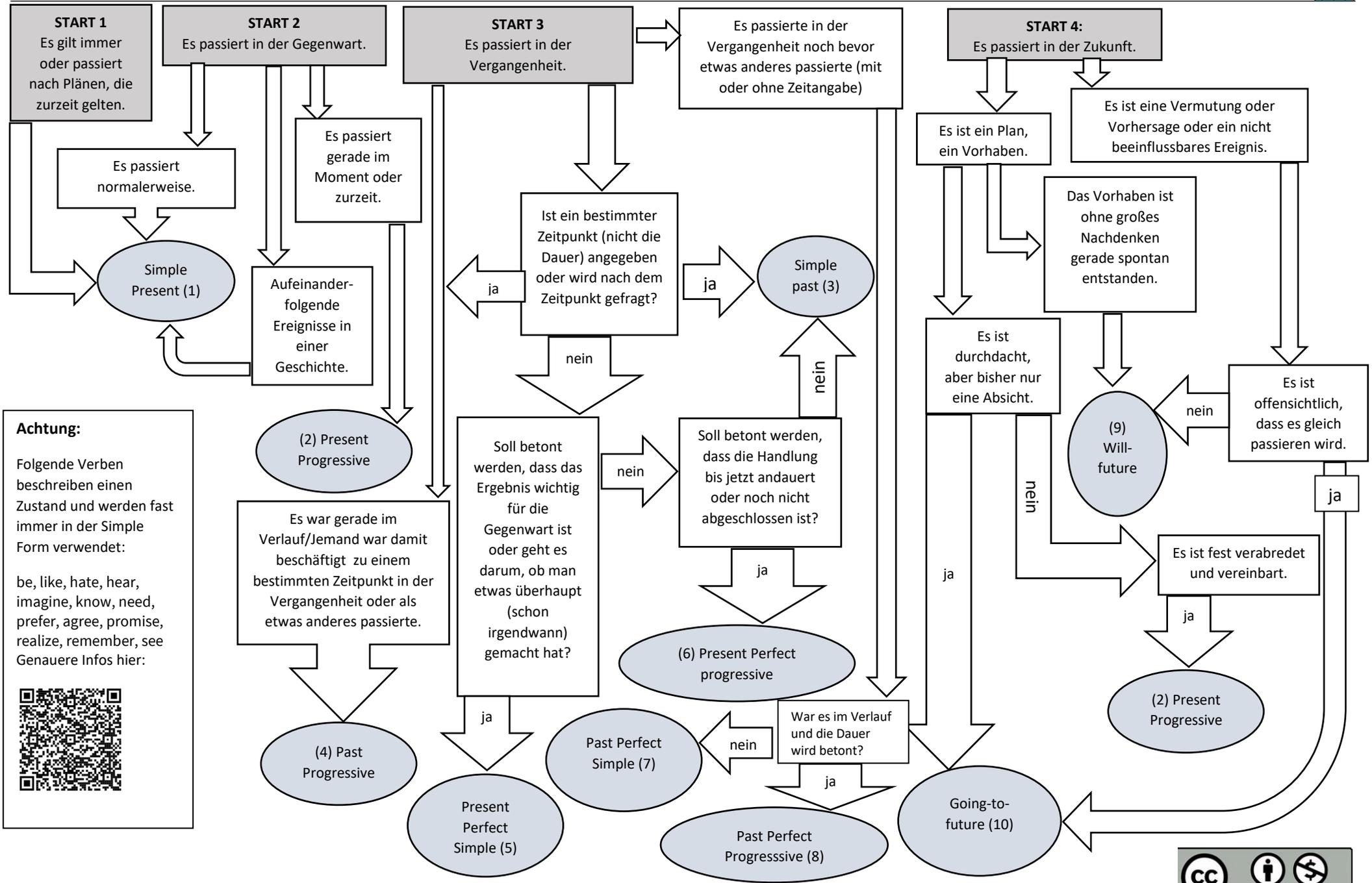


# Using the correct tenses: Finde die passende Zeitform im Zeitenlabyrinth



**Achtung:**  
Folgende Verben beschreiben einen Zustand und werden fast immer in der Simple Form verwendet:  
be, like, hate, hear, imagine, know, need, prefer, agree, promise, realize, remember, see  
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# Using the correct tenses: forms and examples

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(1) Simple Present	The train <u>leaves</u> at 6:30. I <u>play</u> badminton. What about you?	The sun <b>does not set</b> in the east. We <b>do not have</b> Biology on Wednesdays.	<b>Does</b> Jane usually <u>go</u> to school at 7:30? <b>Do</b> you <u>play</u> football?
(2) Present Progressive	I <b>am meeting</b> Tom tomorrow at 8 p.m.	Tina <b>is not going</b> to school at the moment.	<b>Are</b> the girls <u>playing</u> football in the park?
(3) Simple Past	I <u>talked</u> to my aunt two days ago. Sally <u>went</u> home after the party.	Dr Watson <b>did not tell</b> Sherlock Holmes about it.	<b>Did</b> you <u>see</u> Tom at the party yesterday?
(4) Past Progressive	We <b>were having</b> breakfast when the doorbell rang.	When the tsunami came, we <b>were not sleeping</b> , we were playing games.	What <b>was</b> Mr Hill <u>doing</u> at around 3 p.m. yesterday?
(5) Present Perfect Simple	I <b>have passed</b> the test. Sally <b>has just eaten</b> your chocolate.	We <b>have not thought</b> about this before. Celia <b>has not tidied</b> her room yet.	<b>Have</b> you ever <u>seen</u> a ghost? <b>Has</b> she <u>finished</u> school already?
(6) Present Perfect Progressive	Tony <b>has been painting</b> all morning and he has still not finished.	You <b>have not been listening</b> . Listen now, please. It is important!	<b>Have you been studying</b> for eight hours? You are working really hard!
(7) Past Perfect Simple	When I came to the party, my friends <b>had eaten</b> all the food.	He <b>had not opened</b> the door to his house, but the door was wide open when he came home.	<b>Had</b> he <u>switched off</u> all the lights? Mr Burton was not sure, so he drove back to check.
(8) Past Perfect Progressive	When I came to the party at 4 a.m, my friends <b>had been dancing</b> all night.	When his mother came home, Peter <b>had not been reading</b> , as he had promised, but he had been watching TV all morning.	<b>Had</b> he really <u>been waiting</u> for three hours when you entered the restaurant?
(9) Will-future	No problem. I <b>will help</b> you. I think it <b>will rain</b> tomorrow.	I think he <b>will not pass</b> the test. He has not studied at all.	<b>Will</b> Simon <u>be</u> an architect or a physician? What do you think?
(10) Going-to-future	I <b>am going to see</b> my friend next week. Look at these clouds. It <b>is going to rain</b> !	The Smiths <b>are not going to go</b> on holiday this year.	<b>Are</b> you <u>going</u> to meet him or not?

## What about the passive voice?

The passive voice is formed with "to be" and the past participle (here: "done"). It is usually enough to be able to use the following forms:

- (1) Simple present: **am/is/are (not) done**
- (3) Simple Past: **was/were (not) done**
- (5) Present Perfect Simple: **have/has (not) been done**
- (7) Past perfect Simple: **had (not) been done**
- (9) Will-future: **will (not) be done**
- (10) Going-to-future: **am/is/are (not) going to be done**



## What about short forms?

You use short forms when you talk or write personal messages but not when you write formal texts. In a story you use it in direct speech. Apostrophes are generally only used after personal pronouns. ("I'll help you", but not "~~Peter~~ll help you." "Peter won't help you" is possible.)

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 has => 's    has not => hasn't  
 will => 'll    will not => won't

