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IN SONG LYRIC**

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Motto and Dedication

* "Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication." -Leonardo da Vinci-

* Keep your heart open to dreams. For as long?as there's a dream, there is hope, and as long?as there is hope, there is joy in living." -Anonymous-

I dedicated this essay to my beloved husband and children.

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I. INTRODUCTION

English as native language or second language is the most widely used

throughout the world. Most of the people are intent to be fluent in English, because English can be instrumental to their personal and professional success. At the beginning of learning English, we must pay much attention to English grammar. Basic Grammatical structures are step one to learn English. There are many rules which can inform us how to write English correctly and well.

Generally, many people still confused when they were learning about tenses because there are so many structures and adverb of time that must be memorized. Beside that, they also must know about the functions from each tense. For example, simple past tense to express event which happened in past time, future tense to express event that will happen in next time, and etc. Other tenses to express event which happen in this time and a habit which is Simple Present Tense.

There are many ways to do English grammar exercises, for example read the books and listen the music. Students need to apply the same approach to increase their grammar skills. They can learn grammar through a film, or listen to an English radio station or song.

However, for this strategy to work, students must not expect understanding improve too quickly. From this activity, the student can improve their grammar by learning how grammatical rules such as studying simple present and past perfect. Song lyric as a way to improve grammar skill also makes students be easy in learning rule of grammar. So, the writer hope it can solve the problem when someone feel difficult in learning grammar.

II. OBJECTIVES

Some objectives of this paper are:

1. To inform how to use Simple Present Tense and Past Perfect in a sentence.
2. To help the learners to know about the rule of Simple Present and Past Perfect and adverb of time.
3. To know about using simple present tense and past perfect tense in song lyric.

III. DISCUSSION

According to any sources, Simple Present Tense has many explanations as follows :

A. SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE

- a) In Understanding and Using English Grammar Third Edition, 1999 by Azar indicates that simple present is something was true in the past, is true in the present, and will be true in the future. It expresses general statement of fact and timeless truth. (p. 13)

E.g. - Water consists of hydrogen and oxygen.
- The world is round.

Having seen the example, everybody surely knows that component of water has hydrogen and oxygen. Beside that, knowing about form of the world is round and this is permanent situation.

- b) Beside that Azar also indicates that Simple Present Tense is used to express habitual action or daily activities.

E.g. (+) I get up at 5 o'clock at morning.

- (-) I don't get up at 5 o'clock at morning.
- (?) Do you get up at 5 o'clock at morning?

The Essential things that should be noted are:

1. If Simple Present Tense is followed by an infinitive, it means that the event is really happen.
2. The negative form is arranged by putting not after Do / Does as to be in Verbal Structure.
3. Its Interrogative form is made by putting Do / Does before subject and give a question mark (?)

1. English Grammar in Use by Raymond Murphy (1985)

a) "Using Simple Present Tense is to talk about things in general. We use it to say that something happens all the time or repeatedly, or that something is true in general. (Page 4)

E.g. The Earth goes around the sun.

Nurses look after patients in hospitals.

Remember that we say he/she/it -s. Do not forget the s:

E.g.: Imam works in an office.

b) "We use do/does to make question and negative sentences."

Do	I/ We / You / They
Does	He/ She / It

I / You / We / They	Don't
She / He / It	Doesn't

- E.g. - Excuse me, do you teach English?
 - Would you like a cigarette?
 - What does this word mean?

c) " We use the present simple when we say how often we do things :

- E.g. - I get up at 8 o'clock every morning.
 - Ann doesn't often drink tea.

d) "We can use it to make a suggestion. "

- E.g. - 'I'm tired.' **Why don't you** go to bed early?'

e) "Present Simple with a future meaning. "

We use the present simple when we are talking about timetables, programmers, etc. (e.g. for public transport, cinemas): (Page 8)

- E.g. - What time does the film begin?
 - The football match starts at 8 o'clock.

B. PAST PERFECT TENSE

According to any sources, the rule of Past perfect Tense has many explanations as follows:

1. Based on Barron Grammar written by Dan Mulvey , 2009 indicates that past perfect tense talk about completed time in past that has taken place before some other indicated past and completed time.

E.g. My mother complained that I had not cleaned my room.(The “ not cleaning of the room” took place before “ mother complained)”

Author sometimes uses the past perfect to guide the reader into flashback, a literary device to recall past event even though the story is now in present. Once in the past, the past perfect may be abandoned for the simple past tense.

2. Based on Advanced English Grammar for Toefl Preparation by Hotben D. Lingga indicates that past perfect tense show that one of event has finished than the other event.

E.g. the plane had just left when I reached the airport.

I had written the letter before she called me.

Past perfect tense also to declare one action has finished before certain event in the past.

e.g.: She had down her homework in the evening.

I met her in Jakarta in 2000. I had seen her last five years before.

3. In Cliffs TOEFL Preparation guide test of English as a foreign language, 1995 by Michael Pyle, M.A indicates that form of the past perfect as follows :

S + had+(verb in past	
participle)	

Whereas the past perfect is used to indicate an action that happened before another action in the past, there usually are two action in the sentence

e.g : John had gone to the store before he went home

Jack told us yesterday that he had visited England in 1970

Beside that the past perfect also usually used with before, after ,or when, study the following formulas : S+ past perfect tense + subject + simple past tense

e.g : John **had gone** to the store before he went home

S+simple past tense + after + subject+ past perfect

e.g : John went home after he **had gone** to the store

A state which continued for a time in the past, but stopped before now.

e.g : Abdu **had lived** in New York for ten years before he moved to California.

4. English grammar in Use. A self-study reference and practice book for intermediate students, 1985

“We use the past perfect tense to say that something had already happened before this time.”

e.g : When I arrived at the party, Tom had already gone.

“The past perfect tense (I had done) is the past of the present perfect (I have done). Compare this situation :

Present : The house is dirty. We haven't cleaned it for weeks.

Past : The house was dirty. We had not cleaned it for weeks.

IV. SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE IN REAL LIFE

A. Song Lyrics

1. AVRIL LAVIGNE

I DON'T HAVE TO TRY LYRIC

I'm the one, I'm the one who knows the dance
I'm the one, I'm the one who's got the prance
I'm the one, I'm the one who wears the pants
I wear the pants
I'm the one who tells you what to do
You're the one, you're the one if I let you
I'm the one, I'm the one who wears the pants
I wear the pants

Hey you, follow me I'll take the lead
Can't you see
Don't you question me
You just do what I say
I don't care what you're saying
I don't care what you're thinking
I don't care about anything
Get ready, get ready cause I'm happening
I don't care what you're saying
I don't care what you're thinking
I don't care about anything
Get ready, get ready cause I'm on the scene

[Chorus]

I don't have to try
To make you realize
Anything I wanna do, anything I'm gonna do
Anything I wanna do I do
And I don't have to try

Don't you disagree
Cause you know it's all about me
Be at my beck and call
I'm a know-it-all
And it's all your fault

I don't care what you're saying (**This song lyric is suitable for the rule**

S + do/does + Not + O)

I don't care what you're thinking

I don't care about anything

Get ready, get ready cause I'm happening

I don't care what you're saying

I don't care what you're thinking

I don't care about anything

Get ready, get ready cause I'm on the scene

[Chorus X2]

Don't have to try

2. BANGLES – Eternal Flames

Close your eyes

Give me your hand, darling

Do you feel my heart beating

Do you understand

Do you feel the same

Am I only dreaming

Is this burning and eternal flame?

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3. SIMPLE PLAN – Untitled

I open my eyes

I try to see but I'm blinded by the white light

I can't remember how

I can't remember why

I'm lying here tonight

And I can't stand the pain

And I can't make it go away

No I can't stand the pain

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4. KELLY CRACKSON – Because of You

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Because of you

I never stray too far from the sidewalk

Because of you

I learned to play on the safe side
So **I don't get hurt**
Because of you
I find it hard to trust
Not only me, but everyone around me
Because of you

V. PAST PERFECT TENSE IN REAL LIFE

1. SOMEONE LIKE YOU ADELE

I heard that you're settled down
That you found a girl and you're married now
I heard that your dreams came true
Guess she gave you things I didn't give to you

Old friend, why are you so shy?
Ain't like you to hold back or hide from the light

I hate to turn up out of the blue, uninvited
But I couldn't stay away, I couldn't fight it
I had hoped you'd see my face and that you'd be reminded(This song lyric follow the pattern S + had + past participle). We can see after past perfect tense there is conditional sentence. It means that in truth, I do not have hope, so you will not see my face.

That for me, it isn't over

Never mind, I'll find someone like you
I wish nothing but the best for you, too
Don't forget me, I begged, I remember you said
Sometimes it lasts in love, but sometimes it hurts instead
Sometimes it lasts in love, but sometimes it hurts instead

You know how the time flies
Only yesterday was the time of our lives
We were born and raised in a summer haze
Bound by the surprise of our glory days

I hate to turn up out of the blue, uninvited
But I couldn't stay away, I couldn't fight it

I had hoped you'd see my face and that you'd be reminded
That for me, it isn't over yet

Never mind, I'll find someone like you
I wish nothing but the best for you, too
Don't forget me, I begged, I remember you said
Sometimes it lasts in love, but sometimes it hurts instead, yeah

Nothing compares, no worries or cares
Regrets and mistakes, they're memories made
Who would have known how bittersweet this would taste?

Never mind, I'll find someone like you
I wish nothing but the best for you
Don't forget me, I begged, I remember you said
Sometimes it lasts in love, but sometimes it hurts instead

Never mind, I'll find someone like you
I wish nothing but the best for you, too
Don't forget me, I begged, I remember you said
Sometimes it lasts in love, but sometimes it hurts instead
Sometimes it lasts in love, but sometimes it hurts instead

(<http://www.cariliriklagu.com/2011/07/lirik-lagu-someone-like-you-adele>)

2. BASIC INSTINCT (U GOT ME) CIARA

U got me
See I was out buying Chanel bags
While I was doing that u turned up your swag, u got me
Yup, call me slippin forget your hustle on, shottie I ain't trippin
I been in the game since '03
You can try but you still can do it like me
I hate it when they talk about me
but I love it when they talk about me

I got a lil too prissy, I didn't expect y'all twisted tryna get me
But Imma need that you can gone write y'all blog
I need y'all feedback
See I was on the red carpet when I should been in the studio lay it down hot chick
Madder than a motherfucker, I can lie a bitch madder than motherfucker
Better than a motherfucker, been up all night like UPS trucker
Back up on my job, I'm back up in the track
Shottie give me that

Back in my corsetto, got me taking off these 5 inch stiletto's
Back up out my phantom
I'm back up in my jeep, back up in the streets
Hey, hey, I'm all fired up
And tell you aunt for me I'm all wired up

Please no pictures, up off of my twitter

I'm back up on my s***

And when I see the stage, I'm a black black dad

I shoulda listen to myself

before I let you in, I shoulda warn myself, tell me again and again, I should've cautioned myself

before I fell in love with you, but I just pushed myself, that's what lovers do

picking up the pieces of my heart, I'm tired of lovin you in the dark

I wish I could see, *what you had planned for me* (This song lyric is suitable for pattern

S+had+past participle. We can see past perfect in this sentence is accompanied by

conditional sentence. But actually, I can not see what he or she plan)

Fancy clothes and fancy cars

We go that far but turned to misery

When you don't go

basic instinct

basic instinct

But you basic instinct

basic instinct

(<http://www.song-lyrics-search.net/2010/06/04/basic-instinct-u-got-me-ciara-lyrics/>)

3. THE ONLY EXCEPTION – PARAMORE

When I was younger, I saw my daddy cry

And curse at the wind

He broke his own heart and I watched

As he tried to reassemble it

And my momma swore that

She would never let herself forget

And that was the day that I promised

I'd never sing of love if it does not exist

But darling, you are the only exception

You are the only exception

You are the only exception

You are the only exception

Maybe I know, somewhere deep in my soul

That love never lasts

And we've got to find other ways to make it alone

Or keep a straight face

And I've always lived like this

Keeping a comfortable distance

And up until now **I had sworn** to myself that I'm content with loneliness. This song lyric also use pattern of past perfect tense. It means that this sentence expresses an activity that

was completed before another activity or time in the past.
Because none of it was ever worth the risk

But you are the only exception
You are the only exception
You are the only exception
You are the only exception

I've got a tight grip on reality
But I can't let go of what's in front of me here
I know you're leaving in the morning when you wake up
Leave me with some kind of proof, it's not a dream, oh

You are the only exception
You are the only exception
You are the only exception
You are the only exception

You are the only exception
You are the only exception
You are the only exception
You are the only exception

And I'm on my way to believing
Oh, and I'm on my way to believing

(<http://www.song-lyrics-search.net/2010/05/06/the-only-exception-paramore-lyrics/>)

VI. CONCLUSION

Among all sources, we can conclude that Simple Present Tense has two general structures, are:

- (+) S + V1 (s / es) + O
- (-) S + do / does + not + V1 + O
- (?) Do / does + S + V1 + O ?

We use the simple present tense when:

- the action is general
- the action happens all the time, or habitually, in the past, present and future
- the action is not only happening now

Whereas we use the past perfect tense to refer to an action that was completed before another action took place. It shows us which of the two events happened first. The past perfect is formed with had + verb in the past participle form.

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Work?

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We can see the rule :

Do/Does + S + V1 + O ?

From this lyric.

This song lyric follow the first rules of Simple Present Tense, is :

S + V1 s / es + O

This song lyric is suitable for the rule

S + do/does + Not + O