

Present tense

Objective: To understand how present tense works in sanskrit

Concept A: Introduction to Present tense

Present tense in sanskrit is called as 'Lat Lakaara'

लट्लकार / **laTlakaara (Present Tense)**: लट्लकार (laTlakaara) represents verb-forms in present tense (वर्तमानकाल / vartamaanakaala). So, while forming a sentence which is in present tense, the verb (क्रिया / kriaa) has to be in लट्लकार (laTlakaara).

The complete लट्लकार / laTlakaara of पठ् / paTh (read) and गम् / gam (go) धातु / dhaatu are given at the end of this chapter for reference.

Present tense is used to denote an event that is going on currently.

Example: I read a book

The above example shows that the event is happening now.

In Sanskrit, we have 3 numbers and 3 persons.

Singular is called as Ekavachana

Dual is called as Dwivachana

Plural is called as Bahuvachana

Let us understand 3 persons:

1st person is called as Uttama Purusha

2nd person is called as Madhyama Purusha

3rd person is called as Prathama Purusha

Concept B: Examples

Let us see the below examples for studying. These are in वर्तमानकाल (vartamaanakaala) or present tense:

बालकः पठति

baalakaH paThati : The boy reads

बालिका पठति

baalikaa paThati : The girl reads

रामः पठति

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