

ENGLISH TENSES



Tense	Form	Affirmative	Negative	Question	Use
Present Simple	Verb (infinitive) Verb + -s/ -es (3 rd per /sing)	S + Verb (infinitive / -s -es I live in London She lives in London	S +Aux negative + Verb (don't / doesn't) + Infinit You don't live in He doesn't live in....	(WH) +Auxiliar + S+ Verb? (Do / does) (Infinitive) Where do they live? Does he live in London?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Habitual actions (With frequency adverbs) Permanent situations. States and universal truths. Timetables / programmes (Future use) Time Expressions: Every day / in the morning once / twice / three times a week / always / usually / sometimes..... on Mondays...etc
Present Continuous	To be + Verb (am/ is / are) (-ing)	S + Aux (be) + verb am / is /are (ing) I am studying he is studying	S + Aux negative + V am not / isn't aren't -ing You aren't studying She isn't studying	(WH) +Aux + S +Verb (ing) What are you studying? Is he studying ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actions happening at or around the the moment of speaking. Temporary situations. Fixed arrangements (Future use) Time Expressions: Now / at the moment / at Present / nowadays / today / still / always.
Past Simple	Past forms: Regular verbs : -ed Irregular verbs (3rd column)	S + Verb (past)) I played / saw he played / saw	S + Aux negative + verb (didn't) (infinitive) I didn't play / see he didn't play / see	(WH) + Aux + S + Verbo ? (did) (infinitive) When did you play / see ? Did he play / see?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Past actions. (With a definite time expression) Past habit or state. Time expressions : Yesterday / last week... / two days ago / When / in 1967 / then.
Past Continuous	To be (past)+Verb (was / were) -ing	S + Aux (be) + verb (was/ were) (ing) You were reading He was reading	S + Aux negative + Verb) (wasn't/weren't) -ing You weren't reading He wasn't reading	(WH) + Aux + S + V(-ing)? (was/were) What were you reading ? Was he reading ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Past action in progress. Past action in progress interrupted by another past action (past simple). Time expressions : while / when /as
Present Perfect Simple	To Have + Past Part (3rd column)	S + Aux + Verb (P. Partic) (have /has) I have been to London She has bought a car	S + Aux neg + V (P. Part) (haven't /hasn't) I haven't been to London She hasn't bought a car	(Wh) + Aux + S + V(P.Part)? (have / has) Where have you been ? Has she bought a car ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently completed actions. Past actions connected with the present. Personal experiences. Emphasis on number. Time expressions : already / yet / just / never / ever / so far /lately / for / since / this week..

