

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..

Present Perfect Continuous	To Have + been + (-ing)	S+ Aux. + been V (-ing) I have been running. She has been working.	S+ Aux. neg +been (-ing) I haven't been running She hasn't been working	(WH)+ Aux+S+ been+ -ing ? What have you been doing? Has she been working ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent past actions with present results. Actions started in the past and continuing up to the present (with for /since). Emphasis on duration Time expressions : How long / for /since
Past Perfect Simple	Had +P. Participle	S+ Aux + Verb (P. part) had They had come here She had been here	S + Aux negative + Verb Hadn't (P.Part) They hadn't come here She hadn't been here	(WH)+ Aux + S+ V(P.Part)? Where had they been ? Had she been there ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Past action which happened before another past action. Complete past action which had visible results in the past. Time Expressions: By the time / before / yet / already / after / just / for / since
Future Simple Will	Will +Bare Infinitive	S+ Aux + Infinitive will We will go to your party. She will be 20 tomorrow	S + Aux neg + Verb (infin) won't We won't go to your party She won't be 20 tomorrow	(WH) + Aux+ S+ V (infin)? will When will you buy the car? will you be 20 tomorrow?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decisions taken at the moment of speaking. Predictions which may happen in the future. Offers , promises , requests. Time expressions : Tomorrow / next week Tonight / in two days / soon / in a week... etc
Be going to	To be + Going to + Verb	He is going to buy a car	They aren't going to travel by plane.	When are you going to sell your house ? Is he going to clean his car?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future plans or intentions. Predictions with evidence in the present.
Future Continuous	Will + be + -ing	I will be working	She won't be working	Will you be working ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actions in progress at a stated future time. People's arrangements. Time expressions: This time tomorrow/ next week / tonight / in three days
Future Perfect	Will + have + P.P	I will have finished my studies	She won't have finished.	Will you have finished...?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actions which will be finished before a stated future time. Time expressions: By / by then / by the time
Conditional	Would + infinitive simple conditional Would +have +P.P Perfect conditiona	I would go I would have gone	I wouldn't go I wouldn't have gone	Would you go...? Would you have gone...?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple conditional : Unreal situations Perfect conditional : Impossible past situations
Passive	Be + Past Participle	The windows are cleaned Hamlet was written by ..	Are the windows cleaned ? Was Hamlet written by ?	The windows aren't cleaned Hamlet wasn't written by..	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When the action is more important than the doer (it's unknown, unimportant or obvious)