



LUGHA
ENGLISH
ACADEMY
ANYBODY CAN SPEAK

Tenses

All Tenses

	simple	continuous	perfect	perfect continuous
present	present simple	present continuous	present perfect	present perfect continuous
past	past simple	past continuous	past perfect	past perfect continuous
future	future simple	future continuous	future perfect	future perfect continuous

Usage of Tenses

1. Present simple tense

form : subject + verb (present / v1)

Example :

I **drink** coffee every morning. (*habits and routines*)

Cathy **works** as a teacher. (*facts*)

Some more examples :

- * Shawn **goes** to the beach on Sundays.
- * Children often **play** video games after school.
- * You **sing** very well.
- * Water **boils** at 100 °C

Present tense is all about our habits, and routines. Facts about people or things.

Usage of Tenses

2. Present continuous tense

form : subject + am/is/are + verb (v1) + ing

- > Actions happening now (*at the time of speaking*)
I **am drinking** coffee right now.
We **are having** breakfast.
It **is raining** outside.
- > Temporary activities
Arun **is learning** to play the piano.
I **am watching** an interesting TV series.
- > Changes taking place now.
The price of crude oil **is falling** rapidly.
Scientists says the Earth **is getting** warmer.

Usage of Tenses

3. Past simple tense

form : subject + verb (past / v2)

-> Completed actions in the past

I **played** football with my friends.

He **gave** us a present for our anniversary.

We **received** the package the morning.

4. Past continuous tense

form : subject + was/were + verb (v2) + ing

-> Unfinished, on going actions in the past (+ finished action)

I **was having** dinner with my family when the doorbell rang.

It **was raining** when Priya left for work.

They **were studying** when the teacher left the classroom.

Complete the sentences using simple present or present continuous

1. I _____ golf every weekend. (play)

2. The children _____ outside at the moment. (play)

3. Madhu _____ today. (work)

4. You can't borrow my laptop because it doesn't
_____. (work)

5. Smells good ! What are you _____? (make)

6. My brother never _____ breakfast for me.
(make)

7. Paul is _____ in Paris. (live)

8. Do you still _____ with your parents? (live)

Complete the sentences using simple past or past continuous

1. As I _____ (open) my eyes, I _____ (see) a strange person.
2. I _____ (receive) a parcel from my aunt last week.
3. While they _____ (work) in the backyard, someone broke into the house.
4. When I was a child, we _____ (live) in Singapore.
5. The little girl _____ (break) the glass tumbler.
6. Praveen _____ (keep) his books in the book shelf.
7. When I _____ (sit) under the tree an apple _____ (fall) on my head.
8. As I _____ (walk) down the street, I _____ (see) David driving a Ferrari.
9. It _____ (rain) heavily since morning.
10. The teacher _____ (appreciate) Reena for getting good grades.

Usage of Tenses

5. Present perfect tense

form : subject + have / has + verb (past participle v3)

-> Experience (It talks about experience, ie., the time period is continuing or ongoing)

I **have taught** English to many students.

Anu **has visited** France four times.

We **have seen** two movies this week.

-> Recent activities or events

I **have finished** my homework.

My grandma **has lost** her glasses.

The police **have arrested** a young man in connection with the robbery.

Usage of Tenses

6. Present perfect continuous tense

form : subject + have / has been + verb (v3) + ing

-> Actions that started and still continuing.

I **have been waiting** to see the doctor for 2 hours.

It **has been raining** since 4 a.m.

We **have been living** in this town since 1980.

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Complete the sentences using present perfect or present perfect continuous

1. I _____ (not / do) the homework yet.
2. They _____ (study) very hard recently.
3. She _____ (promise) to help many students
4. I _____ (paint) my house all day, but its not finished yet.
5. The writer _____ (deserve) this award for a long time.
6. She _____ (eat) chocolate all morning, so she feels sick.
7. How much petrol _____ (she / buy)?
8. We _____ (know) James for ages.
9. I _____ (call) John for hours.
10. She _____ (take) music lessons lately.

Usage of Tenses

7. Past perfect tense

form : subject + had + verb (past participle v3)

-> The first past action (when there are two or more past actions)

When we got to the theatre, the movie ***had started***.

I was sick because I ***had eaten*** too much food.

The girl looked very familiar. I ***had seen*** her somewhere before.

8. Past perfect continuous tense

form : subject + had been + verb (v3) + ing

-> The first (continuous) past action (when there are two or more past actions).

I felt really tired because I ***had been driving*** all day.

She ***had been waiting*** for two hours when the doctor finally arrived.

Usage of Tenses

9. Future simple tense

as three forms

a) going to

b) present continuous (using an 'ing' verb)

c) will

a) Going to -> plans and intentions

form : subject + am/is/are going to + verb (v1)

Ex :

1. We *are going to buy* a car.

2. I *am going to exercise* regularly.

3. Rahul *is going to take* a break from work.

Usage of Tenses

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b) Present continuous -> fixed arrangements

form : subject + am/in/are + verb (ing)

Ex :

1. I **am having** lunch with my parents on Saturday.
2. We **are flying** to Mumbai the day after tomorrow.
3. John **is giving** a presentation to the board of directors on the 10th of this month.

Future simple

Going to vs. Present continuous

I ***am going to see*** the dentist sometime next week. (plan)

I ***am seeing*** the dentist tomorrow afternoon. (arrangement)

We ***are going to get married*** this year. (plan)

We ***are getting married*** on April 21st. (arrangement)

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a) going to

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c) will -> instant decisions, offers, promises.

form : subject + will + verb

Ex :

1. I will eat the burger.

2. She will help you to carry the files.

3. I shall take you for a ride.

Usage of Tenses

10. Future continuous tense

form : subject + will be + verb (ing)

-> on going actions in the future

Ex:

1. At 11 a.m. Tomorrow, I *will be driving* to Portland.
2. I *will be going* to cafeteria in a little while.

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Complete the sentences using past perfect or past perfect continuous

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5. She was exhausted because she _____ (work) since 8 'o clock that morning.
6. Everything was white because it _____ (snow)
7. I _____ (not/see) Jacob for several years, but I recognised him immediately.
8. I _____ (wait) for hours but the bus didn't arrive.
9. His English was perfect. He _____ (study) it since he started school.
10. I _____ (not/eat) anything since the morning.

Usage of Tenses

11. Future perfect tense

form : subject + will have + verb (v3)

-> completed actions in the future

Ex:

1. By August, Aaron *will have saved* the money.
2. By 5pm we *will have painted* the room.

12. Future perfect continuous tense

form : subject + will have been + verb (ing)

-> on going action in the future (with duration)

Ex:

1. By August, Aaron *will have been saving* the money for six months.
2. By 5 p.m. we *will have been painting* the living room for 10 hours.

Complete the sentences using future perfect or future perfect continuous

1. By 9 'o clock, we _____ (finish) our homework.
2. By the end of the month, I _____ (live) in this town for 10 years.
3. They _____ (leave) the classroom by the end of the hour.
4. By July 5th, they _____ (study) English for 3 years.
5. She _____ (return) from the excursion by 6 'o clock.
6. She _____ (sleep) for 10 hours by 11'o clock.
7. The sun _____ (not / rise) by 4 'o clock.
8. We _____ (look) for him for 40 days by next Saturday.
9. _____ (you / do) the shopping by 3'o clock.
10. _____ (they / wait) for the president for 5 hours?

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2. Present continuous

I *am drinking* coffee right now.



3. Past simple

I *drank* coffee yesterday.



4. Past continuous

I *was drinking* coffee this morning when I got a phone call from my boss.



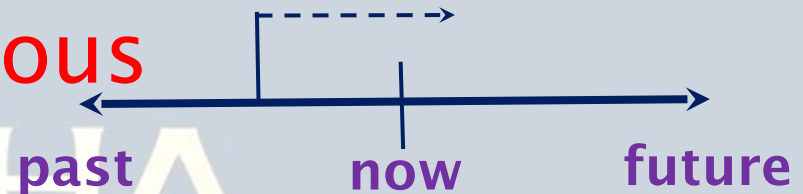
5. Present perfect

I *have washed* the dishes.



6. Present perfect continuous

I *have been washing* the dishes for half an hour.



7. Past perfect

When I *left* for work, I *had washed* the dishes.



8. Past perfect continuous

When the phone *rang*, I *had been washing* the dishes for half an hour.



9. Simple future

He *will tell* you the story.



10. Simple future continuous

He *will be telling* you the story by tomorrow evening.



11. Future perfect

He *will have told* the story by tomorrow evening.



12. Future perfect continuous

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