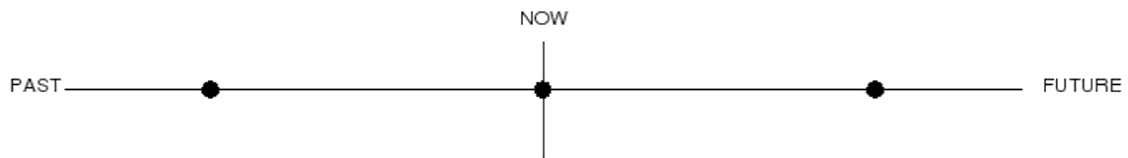


Simple Tenses:

Simple tenses are used whenever we are talking about a point in time.



Past Simple

Use for an action that happened at a point in time in the past.

e.g. - I **ate** breakfast this morning.

Present Simple

Use when making a general statement of truth at the present point in time.

e.g. - I **eat** breakfast every day.

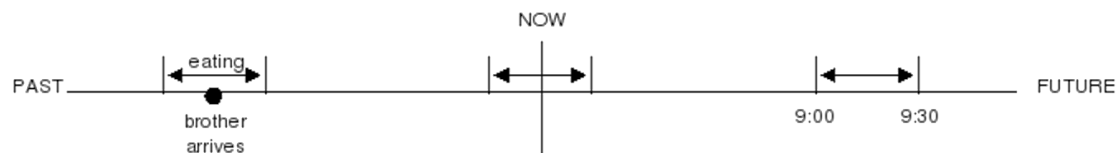
Future Simple

Use for an action that will happen at a point in time in the future.

e.g. - I **will eat** breakfast later.

Continuous Tenses:

Continuous tenses are used whenever we are talking about a length of time.



Past Continuous

Use for an action that was happening for a length of time in the past when another action happened in the middle of it.

e.g. - I **was eating** breakfast when my brother arrived.

Present Continuous

Use for an action that is happening now.

e.g. - Right now, I **am eating** breakfast.

Future Continuous

Use for an action that will be happening for a length of time in the future.

e.g. - I **will be eating** breakfast from 9:00 to 9:30.

Perfect Tenses:

Perfect tenses are used whenever we are talking about a point in time before another point in time.



Past Perfect

Use for an action that happened in the past before another action.

e.g. - I **had** already **eaten** breakfast when my brother arrived.

Present Perfect

Use for an action that happened in the past before the present moment.

e.g. - I **have** already **eaten** breakfast.

Future Perfect

Use for an action that will happen in the future before another action.

e.g. - I **will have** already **eaten** breakfast by the time my brothers arrive.

Perfect Continuous Tenses:

Perfect continuous tenses are used whenever we are talking about a length of time up to a point in time.



Past Perfect Continuous

Use for an action that was happening for a length of time in the past up to the moment when another action happened.

e.g. - I **had been eating** breakfast for 30 minutes when my brother arrived.

Present Perfect Continuous

Use for an action that was happening for a length of time up to the present moment.

e.g. - I **have been eating** my breakfast for 30 minutes.

Future Perfect Continuous

Use for an action that will be happening in the future for a length of time up to the moment when another action will happen.

e.g. - I **will have been eating** my breakfast for 30 minutes by the time you arrive.

Tense	Signal words	Use	Form	Examples affirmative	Examples negative	Examples interrogative
Simple Present	every day sometimes always often usually seldom never first... then	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> something happens repeatedly. how often something happens. one action follows another. things in general with verbs like (<i>to love, to hate, to think, etc.</i>) future meaning: timetables, programmes 	infinitive he/she/it: infinitive + s	I work. He works. I go. He goes.	I don't work. He doesn't work. I don't go. He doesn't go.	Do I work? Does he work? Do I go? Does he go?
Present Progressive	now at the moment Look! Listen!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> something is happening at the same time of speaking or around it future meaning: when you have already decided and arranged to do it (a fixed plan, date) 	be (am/are/is) + infinitive + ing	I'm working. He's working. I'm going. He's going.	I'm not working. He isn't working. I'm not going. He isn't going.	Am I working? Is he working? Am I going? Is he going?
Simple Past	last ago in 1990 yesterday	action took place in the past, mostly connected with an expression of time (no connection to the present)	regular: infinitive + ed irregular: (2nd column of table of irregular verbs)	I worked. He worked. I went. He went.	I didn't work. He didn't work. I didn't go. He didn't go.	Did I work? Did he work? Did I go? Did he go?
Past Progressive	while	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> an action happened in the middle of another action. someone was doing sth. at a certain time (in the past) - you don't know whether it was finished or not 	was/were + infinitive + ing	I was working. He was working. I was going.	I wasn't working. He wasn't working. I wasn't going.	Was I working? Was he working? Was I going?
				He was going.	He wasn't going.	Was he going?

Tense	Signal words	Use	Form	Examples affirmative	Examples negative	Examples interrogative
Simple Present Perfect	just yet never ever already so far, up to now, since for recently	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> you say that sth. has happened or is finished in the past and it has a connection to the present. action started in the past and continues up to the present. 	have/has + past participle* *(infinitive + ed) or (3rd column of table of irregular verbs)	I have worked. He has worked. I have gone. He has gone.	I haven't worked. He hasn't worked. I haven't gone. He hasn't gone.	Have I worked? Has he worked? Have I gone? Has he gone?
Present Perfect Progressive	all day the whole day how long since for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> action began in the past and has just stopped. how long the action has been happening. emphasis: length of time of an action	have/has + been + infinitive + ing	I have been working. He has been working. I have been going. He has been going.	I haven't been working. He hasn't been working. I haven't been going. He hasn't been going.	Have I been working? Has he been working? Have I been going? Has he been going?
Simple Past Perfect	already just never	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> mostly when two actions in a story are related to each other: the action which had already happened is put into Past Perfect, the other action into Simple Past the past of the Present Perfect 	had + past participle* *(infinitive + ed) or (3rd column of table of irregular verbs)	I had worked. He had worked. I had gone. He had gone.	I hadn't worked. He hadn't worked. I hadn't gone. He hadn't gone.	Had I worked? Had he worked? Had I gone? Had he gone?

Tense	Signal words	Use	Form	Examples affirmative	Examples negative	Examples interrogative
Past Perfect Progressive	how long since for	how long something had been happening before something else happened	had + been + infinitive + ing	I had been working. He had been working. I had been going. He had been going.	I hadn't been working. He hadn't been working. I hadn't been going. He hadn't been going.	Had I been working? Had he been working? Had I been going? Had he been going?
will - future		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> predictions about the future (you think that sth will happen) you decide to do sth. spontaneously at the time of speaking main clause in type I of the Conditional sentences 	will + infinitive	I'll work. He'll work. I'll go. He'll go.	I won't work. He won't work. I won't go. He won't go.	Will I work? Will he work? Will I go? Will he go?
going to - future		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> when you have already decided to do sth. in the future what you think what will happen 	be (am/are/is) + going to + infinitive	I'm going to work. He's going to work. I'm going to go. He's going to go.	I'm not going to work. He's not going to work. I'm not going to go. He's not going to go.	Am I going to work? Is he going to work? Am I going to go? Is he going to go?
Future Progressive		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An action will be in progress at a certain time in the future. This action has begun before the certain time. Something happens because it normally happens. 	will + be + infinitive + ing	I'll be working. He'll be working. I'll be going. He'll be going.	I won't be working. He won't be working. I won't be going. He won't be going.	Will I be working? Will he be working? Will I be going? Will he be going?

Tense	Signal words	Use	Form	Examples affirmative	Examples negative	Examples interrogative
Future Perfect Simple		sth. will already have happened before a certain time in the future	will + have + past participle* *(infinitive + ed) or (3rd column of table of irregular verbs)	I'll have worked. He'll have worked. I'll have gone. He'll have gone.	I won't have worked. He won't have worked. I won't have gone. He won't have gone.	Will I have work? Will he have worked? Will I have gone? Will he have gone?
Future Perfect Progressive		sth. will already have happened before a certain time in the future. emphasis: length of time of an action	will + have + been + infinitive + ing	I'll have been working. He'll have been working. I'll have been going. He'll have been going.	I won't have been working. He won't have been working. I won't have been going. He won't have been going.	Will I have been working? Will he have been working? Will I have been going? Will he have been going?
Conditional Simple		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sth. that might happen. main clause in type II of the Conditional sentences 	would + infinitive	I would work. He would work. I would go. He would go.	I wouldn't work. He wouldn't work. I wouldn't go. He wouldn't go.	Would I work? Would he work? Would I work? Would he work?
Conditional Progressive		sth. that might happen. emphasis: length of time of an action	would + be + infinitive + ing	I would be working. He would be working. I would be going. He would be going.	I wouldn't be working. He wouldn't be working. I wouldn't be going. He wouldn't be going.	Would I be working? Would he be working? Would I be going? Would he be going?

Tense	Signal words	Use	Form	Examples affirmative	Examples negative	Examples interrogative
Conditional Perfect		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sth. that might have happened in the past. main clause in type III of the Conditional sentences 	would + have + past participle* *(infinitive + ed) or (3rd column of table of irregular verbs)	I would have worked. He would have worked. I would have gone. He would have gone.	I wouldn't have worked. He wouldn't have worked. I wouldn't have gone. He wouldn't have gone.	Would I have worked? Would he have worked? Would I have gone? Would he have gone?
Conditional Perfect Progressive		sth. that might have happened in the past emphasis: length of time of an action	would + have + been + infinitive + ing	I would have been working. He would have been working. I would have been going. He would have been going.	I wouldn't have been working. He wouldn't have been working. I wouldn't have been going. He wouldn't have been going.	Would I have been working? Would he have been working? Would I have been going? Would he have been going?

We sometimes use Continuous instead of Progressive. Some signal words can be found in more tenses. We did not list signal words in the future. Always remember what action is described.

Used colours:

blue → infinitive
dark green → auxiliary
orange → ending

grey → irregular verbs in the Simple Past
purple → past participle
light green → signal word

red → negation

