# **USES OF TENSES**

## PART - II ENGLISH

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## TENSE

#### **DEFINITION:**

Tense is a verb form that shows the time of an action, event or state, by a change in its form and / or the use of a helping verb

**EXAMPLES:** works, see, will call, etc.,

## TYPES OF TENSES

There are **three** main verb **tenses** in English

- 1) Present
- 2) Past and
- 3) Future
- The present, past and future tenses are divided into four aspects: the simple, continuous, perfect and perfect continuous
- Hence there are 12 major verb tenses

## Past

## Present

## **Future**







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I love school!

I want to be a firefighter.

## TYPES OF PRESENT TENSES

- Present Simple
- 2) **Present** continuous
- 3) **Present** perfect and
- 4) **Present** perfect continuous

## PRESENT SIMPLE TENSE

**STRUCTURE**: Verb + s/es in third person

 The Present Simple Tense is used when something is generally true

#### **EXAMPLE:**

The sun rises in the east

2. We use it in the first and the zero **conditionals** 

#### **EXAMPLE:**

If it rains, I won't come

3. For habits or things that we do regularly. We often use adverbs of frequency in this case

#### **EXAMPLE:**

She gets up at seven o'clock every day

4. We can use this tense to talk about the future. When you are discussing a timetable or a fixed plan

#### **EXAMPLE:**

School begins at eight tomorrow

 We need to use this simple tense with stative (condition which is not changing or likely to change) verbs

#### **EXAMPLE:**

This soup tastes great

## PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE

**STRUCTURE**: Subject + Verb To BE + V.ing (gerund)

We use the present continuous tense to talk about the present:

For something that is happening at the moment of speaking

#### **EXAMPLE:**

I'm speaking English language

## PRESENT PERFECT TENSE

**STRUCTURE:** Subject + has/have + V.3

 Use with the situation that already happen but continue to the present and may happen in the future

#### **EXAMPLE:**

He has jumped

# PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE

**STRUCTURE**: Subject + has, have + Been + V.ing(gerund)

 We use the Present Perfect Continuous to show that something started in the past and has continued up until now

#### **EXAMPLE:**

I have been reading this book for two hours

- You can also use the Present Perfect Continuous WITHOUT a duration
- We use the words "lately" or "recently" to emphasize this meaning

#### **EXAMPLE:**

She has been watching too much television lately

## TYPES OF PAST TENSES

- 1) Past simple
- 2) Past continuous
- 3) Past perfect and
- 4) Past perfect continuous

## PAST SIMPLE TENSE

**STRUCTURE**: Subject + V.2

 Use the simple past to express the idea that an action started and finished in the past

#### **EXAMPLE:**

I saw a movie yesterday

- The Simple Past can also be used to describe a habit which stopped in the past or facts which are no longer true
- It can have the same meaning as "used to"

#### **EXAMPLE:**

I studied Japanese when I was a child

 The Simple Past can be used with duration which starts and stops in the past

**EXAMPLE:** I lived in Brazil for two years

## PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

**STRUCTURE**: Subject + was/were + V.ing(gerund)

 Use with the situation that happen in the past but interrupt by other situation

**EXAMPLE**: The sun was shining every day that summer

 Use with situation 2 situation that happen in the same time in the past

**EXAMPLE**: John was doing homework in bedroom while Cartoon cooking in the Kitchen

## PAST PERFECT TENSE

#### **STRUCTURE:**

- Subject + had + Verb 3
- Subject + hadn't + Verb 3 → Negative

We use the past perfect tense fairly often in English

1. A completed action before something else in the past

**EXAMPLE:** When we arrived, the film had started

2. To explain or give a reason for something in the past

#### **EXAMPLE:**

It had snowed in the night, so the bus didn't arrive

3. Something that started in the past and continued up to another action in the past

#### **EXAMPLE:**

When he graduated, he had been in London for six years

## PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE

STRUCTURE: Subject + had been + V.ing(gerund)

- We normally use the past perfect continuous for something
- we had done several times up to a point in the past and continued to do after that point

#### **EXAMPLE:**

They had been talking for an hour before you arrived

## TYPES OF FUTURE TENSES

- 1) Future simple
- 2) **Future** continuous
- 3) Future perfect and
- 4) **Future** perfect continuous

## FUTURE SIMPLE TENSE

**STRUCTURE:** Subject + will/shall + V.1

#### To use:

 Use with the situation that will happen in the future and have adverb of time to indicate time

#### **EXAMPLE:**

Nam warn will go to study at America in next two month

## FUTURE CONTINUOUS TENSE

**STRUCTURE**: Subject + Will be + V.ing(gerund)

 We use the Future Continuous to indicate that we will be in the middle of doing something in a specified time in the future

#### **EXAMPLE:**

She will be sleeping when I visit her

## FUTURE PERFECT TENSE

**STRUCTURE**: Subject + will + have + V.3

- The Future Perfect expresses the idea that something will occur before another action in the future
- It can also show that something will happen before a specific time in the future.

#### **EXAMPLE:**

I will have eaten breakfast at 8 o'clock tomorrow

 If there have 2 events. The first event will use Future perfect tense and second event will use Present Simple tense

#### **EXAMPLE:**

I will have cleaned the floor when my mom gets home

## FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE

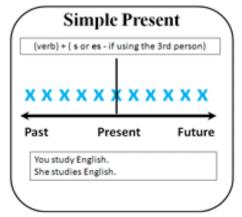
#### **STRUCTURE:**

Subject + will have been + present participle(Verb 3)

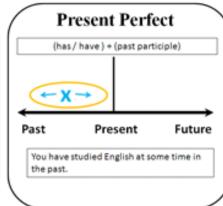
- We used to project ourselves forward in time and to look back
- It refers to events or actions in a time between now and some future time are unfinished. It is most often used with a time expression

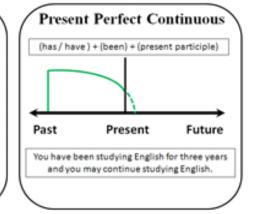
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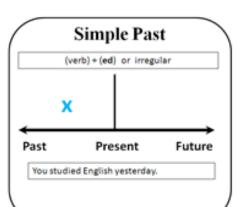
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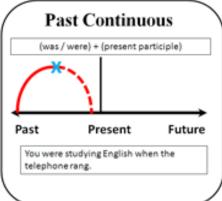


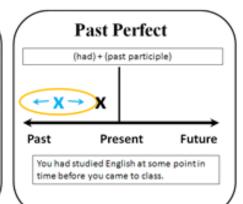


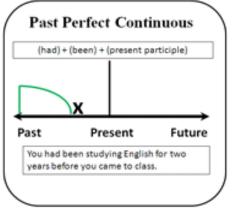


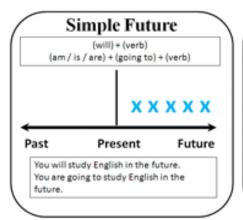


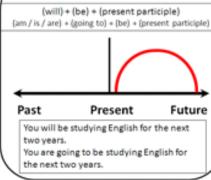




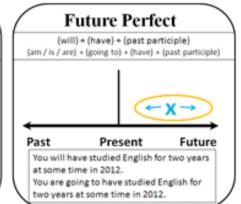


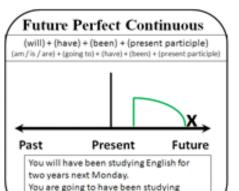






**Future Continuous** 





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