

Tenses

Unit 1 – Unit 8

十六种时态

▶ 四个“时”

- 现在时
- 过去时
- 将来时
- 过去将来时

▶ 四个“态”

- 一般式
- 进行式
- 完成式
- 完成进行式


1. 一般现在时 I do
2. 现在进行时 I'm doing
3. 现在完成时 I have done
4. 现在完成进行时 I have been doing

5. 一般过去时 I did
6. 过去进行时 I was doing
7. 过去完成时 I had done
8. 过去完成进行时 I had been doing

- 9. 一般将来时 I will do
- 10. 将来进行时 I will be doing
- 11. 将来完成时 I will have done
- 12. 将来完成进行时 I will have been doing

- 13. 过去将来时 I would do
- 14. 过去将来进行时 I would be doing
- 15. 过去将来完成时 I would have done
- 16. 过去将来完成进行时 I would have been doing

Two tenses & two forms

- ▶ Present
 - ▶ Past
 - ▶ Continuous
 - ▶ Perfect
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Tenses (Unit 8 Review)

- ▶ Present simple 1, 2, 8 I do
- ▶ Present continuous 1, 2, 8 I am doing
- ▶ Present perfect 3, 6, 8 I have done
- ▶ Present perfect continuous 6, 8 I have been doing
- ▶ Past simple 3, 4, 5, 8 I did
- ▶ Past continuous 4, 7, 8 I was doing
- ▶ Past perfect 5, 7, 8 I had done
- ▶ Past perfect continuous 7, 8 I had been doing

State verbs (状态动词) :

not often used with continuous tenses


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| ▶ ache | ▶ constitute | ▶ have | ▶ possess |
| ▶ agree | ▶ contain | ▶ hear | ▶ prefer |
| ▶ anticipate | ▶ cost | ▶ hope | ▶ realize |
| ▶ appear | ▶ desire | ▶ imagine | ▶ regret |
| ▶ appreciate | ▶ differ from | ▶ know | ▶ resemble |
| ▶ assume | ▶ disagree | ▶ like | ▶ see |
| ▶ attract | ▶ doubt | ▶ look | ▶ seem |
| ▶ believe | ▶ expect | ▶ love | ▶ smell |
| ▶ belong to | ▶ feel | ▶ mean | ▶ sound |
| ▶ conclude | ▶ find | ▶ measure | ▶ taste |
| ▶ consider | ▶ fit | ▶ notice | ▶ think |
| ▶ consist of | ▶ hate | ▶ own | ▶ understand |
| | | | ▶ weigh |

Performative verbs (施为 / 述行动词)


not often used with continuous tenses

- ▶ accept
- ▶ acknowledge
- ▶ admit
- ▶ advise
- ▶ apologize
- ▶ assume
- ▶ beg
- ▶ confess
- ▶ congratulate
- ▶ declare
- ▶ deny
- ▶ forbid
- ▶ guarantee
- ▶ hope
- ▶ inform
- ▶ name
- ▶ order
- ▶ permit
- ▶ predict
- ▶ promise
- ▶ recommend
- ▶ refuse
- ▶ remind
- ▶ request
- ▶ suggest
- ▶ suppose
- ▶ thank
- ▶ warn

I. Present simple (I do)

- ▶ To describe things that are always true, or situations that exist now and will go on indefinitely
 - ▶ It takes me five minutes to get to school.
 - ▶ To talk about habits or things that happen on a regular basis
 - ▶ I leave work at 5.30 most days.
 - ▶ Each July we go to Turkey for a holiday.
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I. Present simple (I do)

- ▶ With performative verbs
 - ▶ I admit I can't see as well as I used to. (= an admission)
 - ▶ With state verbs
 - ▶ I really enjoy travelling.
 - ▶ To report what we have heard or what we have read
 - ▶ This newspaper article explains why unemployment has been rising so quickly.
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II. Present continuous (I am doing)

- ▶ To talk about particular actions or events that have begun but have not ended at the time of speaking
- ▶ The car isn't starting again.
- ▶ 'Have you done the shopping?' 'I'm just going.' (time expressions)
- ▶ The action or event may not be going on at the time of speaking
- ▶ The police are talking to a number of people about the robbery.


II. Present continuous (I am doing)

- ▶ To describe repeated actions or events that are happening at or around the time of speaking
- ▶ I'm hearing a lot of good reports about your work these days.
- ▶ To imply that a situation is or may be temporary
- ▶ Banks are lending more money (these days) to encourage business to expand.

II. Present continuous (I am doing)

- ▶ To talk about changes, developments, and trends
 - ▶ I'm beginning to realize how difficult it is to be a teacher.
 - ▶ To emphasize that something is done repeatedly and to show that we are unhappy about it
 - ▶ They're constantly having parties until the early hours of the morning.
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III. Present perfect (I have done)

- ▶ To talk about something that happened in the past, but we don't specify precisely when it happened
 - ▶ I have complained about the traffic before.
 - ▶ To suggest some kind of connection between what happened in the past, and the present time
 - ▶ I have washed my hands so that I can help you with the cooking.
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III. Present perfect (I have done)

- ▶ To talk about how long an existing situation has lasted
- ▶ Prices have fallen sharply over the past six months.
- ▶ To say that an action or event has been **repeated** a number of times up to now
- ▶ I have often wished I'd learned to read music.
- ▶ After the pattern *It/This/That is/will be the first time*
- ▶ That's the first time I've seen Jan look embarrassed.


IV. Present perfect continuous (I have been doing)

- ▶ To talk about a situation or activity that started in the past and has been in progress for a period of time now
 - ▶ She has been living in New Zealand for over a year now.
 - ▶ The competition has been running every year since 1980.
 - ▶ Your eyes are red – have you been crying.
 - ▶ How long have you been waiting for me?
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V. Past simple (I did)

- ▶ To indicate that something happened at a specific time in the past
 - ▶ Jane left just a few minutes ago.
 - ▶ For situations that existed for a period of time in the past, but not now
 - ▶ When I was younger I played badminton for my local team.
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V. Past simple (I did)

- ▶ To talk about two or more past completed events that follow each other
 - ▶ She got up when the alarm clock went off.
 - ▶ To talk about simply a single activity or event in the past
 - ▶ I handed the letter to him.
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VI. Past continuous (I was doing)

- ▶ To talk about a temporary situation that existed at or around a particular time in the past
 - ▶ At the time of the robbery, they were staying with my parents.
 - ▶ To talk about two past actions or events that went on over the same period of time
 - ▶ Sally was reading to the children while Kevin was washing up.
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VII. Past perfect (I had done)

- ▶ To talk about a past situation or activity that took place before another past situation or activity, or before a particular time in the past
- ▶ Jo discovered that Leslie had lied to her.
- ▶ To say what we **wanted / hoped / expected / meant** to do, but didn't
- ▶ I had wanted to visit the gallery before I left Florence, but it's closed on Sundays.


VIII. Past perfect continuous (I had been doing)

- ▶ To talk about a situation or activity that happened over a period up to a particular past time, or until shortly before it
- ▶ She had been wearing high-heeled shoes, and her feet hurt.


Present simple & present continuous

- ▶ We usually watch the news on TV at 9.00.
 - ▶ We're usually watching the news on TV at 9.00.
 - ▶ (we start watching at 9.00; we're already watching at 9.00)
 - ▶ She teaches Maths in a school in Bonn.
 - ▶ She's teaching Maths in a school in Bonn.
 - ▶ (permanent; temporary)
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Present simple & present continuous

- ▶ I advise you to arrive two hours before the flight leaves.
 - ▶ I would advise you to arrive two hours before the flight leaves.
 - ▶ (modals + performative verbs; to be more tentative or polite)
 - ▶ I have a sister.
 - ▶ The neighbours are having a party.
 - ▶ (state; non-state)
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Present perfect & past simple

- ▶ When did you arrive in Britain?
 - ▶ How long have you been in Britain?
 - ▶ (when; how long)
 - ▶ I have stayed with my grandparents for six months.
 - ▶ I stayed with my grandparents for six months.
 - ▶ (–; I am no longer staying there)
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Present perfect & past simple

- ▶ Science has made many major advances this century.
- ▶ Scientists made some fundamental discoveries in the 18th century.
- ▶ (up to the present; at a particular, finished time)
- ▶ Two schoolchildren have invented a device for moving large objects up flights of stairs.
- ▶ Chinese craftsmen invented both paper and printing.
- ▶ (recently; in the more distant past)


Present perfect & past simple

- ▶ Lee has represented his country on many occasions, and hopes to go on to compete in the next Olympics.
- ▶ Lee represented his country on many occasions, but was forced to retire after an injury.
- ▶ (might happen; won't happen again)
- ▶ I have known him most of my working life.
- ▶ I knew him when we were both working in Rome.
- ▶ (to talk about states; still exists; no longer exists)

Past continuous & past simple

- ▶ She was shaking with anger as she left the hotel.
- ▶ (the existing situation; a completed past event)
- ▶ I was working / worked in a car factory during the summer of 1976.
- ▶ He worked hard all his life.
- ▶ (temporary, permanent)


Past continuous & past simple

- ▶ We visited Spain three times last year.
 - ▶ When Carlo was in hospital, we were visiting / visited him twice a day.
 - ▶ (repeated actions)
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Present perfect continuous & the present simple / continuous

- ▶ I see Tom most weekends.
- ▶ I've been seeing a lot of Tom since he moved into the flat upstairs. (not I see...)
- ▶ It's raining.
- ▶ It's been raining heavily all night. (not It's raining...)
- ▶ The present perfect continuous to talk about how long the action or event has been going on


Present perfect continuous & Present perfect

- ▶ She's been driving for 3 years now.
 - ▶ We have driven all the way here without a break.
 - ▶ (the activity; the effect)
 - ▶ I've been following their discussions with great interest.
 - ▶ I've followed their discussions with great interest.
 - ▶ (the activity; the result)
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Past perfect & Past simple

- ▶ When he stopped laughing, everyone left.
- ▶ When he stopped laughing, everyone had left.
- ▶ (they left after he stopped laughing; before)
- ▶ She became famous after she appeared on the TV programme.
- ▶ The film had already begun by the time we got to the cinema.
- ▶ (to emphasize the second event is the result of the first; with already)

Past perfect continuous & Past perfect

- ▶ Bill had been saving since Christmas to buy a new bike.
 - ▶ Bill had saved enough money to buy the bike he wanted.
 - ▶ (the continuity or duration; the completion)
 - ▶ I'd been working hard, so I felt that I deserved a holiday.
 - ▶ I'd worked hard, and the report was now finished.
 - ▶ (the activity; the result)
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Past perfect continuous & Past perfect

- ▶ They had been travelling for about 36 hours.
- ▶ I'd heard the symphony many times before.
- ▶ (how long; how many times)

Past perfect continuous & Past continuous

- ▶ When I got home, water had been leaking through the roof.
- ▶ When I got home, water was leaking through the roof.
- ▶ (it was no longer leaking; it was leaking)