

Tenses: Forms & Usage

Tenses	Forms	Usage
Present Tense	Present Simple	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I'm nineteen years old. I play football every weekend. He lives in London. I am an employee of Cognizant. I drive to work every day. Honesty is the best policy.
	Present Continuous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I'm just leaving work. I'll be home in an hour. Michael is at university. He's studying history. The children are growing quickly. I am sipping coffee. I am working on this code for the last few days.
	Present Perfect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have been to Mumbai long back. I have watched 2 movies this week. I have reached office. I have been to Mumbai for the project discussion long back. I have completed the analysis work this week.
	Present Perfect Continuous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have been working in Cognizant since June 2012. He has been sleeping for the last 3 hours.
Past Tense	Past Simple	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She left yesterday. She woke up, had a shower and left. If I had a million dollar, I would help the poor. He finished testing the product on September 30th. She completed the analysis yesterday.
	Past Continuous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> He was reading a newspaper while his wife was preparing dinner. She was reading a book when the light went off. They were waiting for the bus, after completing their day's work. When the fire alarm started ringing, I was completing the task at hand.

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	Past Perfect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She had left when I arrived. • She had wanted a cat, but received a fish. • The call had just ended, when I reached office.
	Past Perfect Continuous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They had been playing soccer when the accident occurred. • I had been living in that town for ten years before I moved to New York. • Had you been waiting long before the SME comments came in? • We had been trying to address the client's suggestions, when we discovered the challenges.
Future Tense	Simple Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will win this game. • Next week she will be five years old. • Do you think you will have finished the assignment by next Thursday?
	Future Continuous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She will be working all night. • This time tomorrow we'll be completing the production of the next two deliverables.
	Future Perfect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will have just entered the university next April when my sister graduates. • By next week, Mr. Lim will have already negotiated the price of the house with the real estate agent. • By 10 o'clock I will have finished my client call.
	Future Perfect Continuous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She will have been studying in Glasgow for three years by next September. • By 2018 I will have been working in Cognizant for four years.