



TENSE INFOGRAPHICS



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ALWAYS TRUTH

Sun rises in the east.

PRESENT INDEFINITE

HABITS

She plays tennis every Tuesday.

Use with: twice a month, on Saturdays, often, sometimes.

COMMON FACTS

I live in India.

CURRENT SHORT ACTIONS

He takes the ball and scores the goal!

Use with: sometimes, occassionally

FOR FUTURE ACTIONS

FUTURE TIMETABLES

Our train leaves at 11 am.

Use with: evening, at 11'o clock, tomorrow etc.

IN CONDITIONAL CLAUSES

I won't go out until it stops raining.

Use with: unless, if when, as soon as, after, before.



CURRENT CONTINUOUS ACTION

I'm studying at the moment.

Use with: right now, now at the moment.

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

TEMPORARY CONTINUOUS ACTION

I'm living in mumbai.

Use with: at the moment, for a few weeks, for a couple of months.

TEMPORARY HABITS

He's eating a lot these days.

Use with: now a days, at the moment, these days.

OBSTINATE HABITS

You're always losing your keys!

Use with: always coming late, constantly.

FOR FUTURE ACTIONS

DEFINITE FUTURE PLANS

I'm leaving for delhi tommorow.

Use with: tomorrow, later, at 9pm tonight, on Thursday.



UNFINISHED

**PRESENT
PERFECT**

**ACTION CONTINUING FOR
SOME TIME**

I've known karan since 1994.

Use with: since and for.

**ACTION CONTINUING FOR
SOME TIME**

I haven't talked to her this week.

Use without: since and for

FINISHED

COMPLETED ACTION

(Indicating some result)

I've eaten all the biscuits
(There is none left for you)

LIFE EXPERIENCE

I've been to Bangalore many
times.

Use with: ever, never, many
times etc.

NEWS / RECENT EVENTS

The PM has declared some measures.

Use with: just / yet already / recently.



PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

FINISHED

CONTINUOUS ACTION

(Indicating result)

I've been working (that's why I'm tired).

UNFINISHED

ACTION CONTINUING FOR SOME TIME

I've been going to the gym a lot recently.

Use without: since and for.

ACTION CONTINUING FOR SOME TIME

I've been living in Lucknow for two years.

She's been working here since 2004.

Use with: since and for.



FOR PAST ACTION

I went to the cinema yesterday.

Use with: yesterday, last night, in 2005, 8 months ago.

FOR PAST FACT

Leonardo painted the Mona Lisa.

PAST

FOR NARATING AN INCIDENT

I've hurt my leg. I fell off a ladder.

Use with: the present perfect.

ACTIONS IN STORIES

He sat down and ordered a tea.

Use with: the past indefinite.

**PAST
INDEFINITE**

UNREAL / IMAGINARY THINGS

If I became PM I would remove corruption.

Use with: wish, it's time, if only.

PAST



WHILE NARRATING A STORY

The birds were singing and the sun was shining. He sat under a tree.

Use with: the past simple.

INTERVENING ACTION

She was watching T.V. when her father came.

Use with: when + past simple.

FOR PAST HABITS

She was constantly singing.

Use with: always, forever, constantly, at that time, in those days.

PAST CONTINUOUS

EMPHASIS ON LENGTH OF ACTION

I was working in the garden all day.

Use with: all day, all evening, for hours.



ACTION FINISHED BEFORE ANOTHER PAST ACTION

When we arrived, the film **had started**.

Use with: When/Before/After and Past Simple.

HOW LONG TO A POINT IN THE PAST

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

Use with: when + past simple, for + time.

PAST PERFECT

UNREAL THINGS IN THE PAST

I wish I **hadn't gone** to bed so late!

Use with: third conditionals, wish.



PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS

HOW LONG TO A POINT IN THE PAST

She had been working at that company for a year when she met him.

Use with: For time + When + Past Simple.

RESULT AT A TIME IN THE PAST

The pavement was wet. It had been raining.

Use with: the past simple.



FUTURE PREDICTION

The sun will rise at 7 am.

I think the party will win the next election.

WILL

PROMISES / REQUESTS / REFUSALS / OFFERS

I'll help you with your homework.

FUTURE CONDITIONALS

If it doesn't rain, we'll go to the park.

Use with: the first conditional.

FUTURE INDEFINITE

PLANS AND INTENTIONS

A: We've run out of milk.

B: I know. I will have to buy some.

WILL

FUTURE PREDICTION

The sky is getting darker and darker.
It will soon rain.



FUTURE CONTINUOUS

OVERLAPPING ACTION

I'll be waiting when you arrive.

Use with: when + present simple, at 8pm.

FUTURE AS A MATTER OF COURSE

The government will be making a statement later.

Use with: later, tonight, next week on the 3rd of August etc.



HOW LONG TO A POINT IN THE FUTURE

When I get retired, I'll have known Rakesh for six years.

Use with: when + present simple, by the time + present simple, for + time.

FUTURE PERFECT SIMPLE

ACTION FINISHED BEFORE A POINT IN THE FUTURE

By ten o'clock, I will have finished my homework.

Use with: by three o'clock, by Friday, when + present simple, by the time + present simple.



HOW LONG TO A POINT IN THE FUTURE

In April, she will have been teaching for twelve years.

Use with: when + present simple, by the time + present simple, for + time.

FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS

ACTION FINISHED BEFORE A POINT IN THE FUTURE

When I see you, I'll have been studying, so I'll be tired.

Use with: when + present simple, by the time + present simple.