**Simple Tense**

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| Verb tense tells you when the action happens. There are three main verb tenses: present, past, and future. Each main tense is divided into simple, progressive, perfect, and perfect progressive tenses.   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | **Present** | **Past** | **Future** | | **Simple** | finish | finished | will finish | | **Progressive** | am/is/are finishing | was/were finishing | will be finishing | | **Perfect** | have/has finished | had finished | will have finished | | **Perfect Progressive** | have/has been finishing | had been finishing | will have been finishing |   Things to remember about simple tense:       a. Present tense is the original verb form.      b. Past tense has a few patterns.      c. Future tense needs will (shall) + verb.  **run**   * I run a marathon twice a year. (present) * I ran a marathon last year. (past) * I will run a marathon next year. (future)   **eat**   * I eat lunch in my office. * I ate lunch an hour ago. * I will eat lunch in one hour.   **see**   * I see a movie once a week. * I saw a movie yesterday. * I will see a movie tomorrow.   **know**   * I know it. * I knew it the day before yesterday. * I will know it by tomorrow.   **learn**   * I learn English. * I learned English the last two years. * I will learn English next year.   **cook**   * I cook my supper every night. * I cooked our dinner already. * I will cook breakfast tomorrow.   **[Quiz 10.1]**  Fill in the blanks with appropriate verb forms.  1)I                      a song at the concert yesterday. 2)He                      a letter to his girlfriend tomorrow. 3)I                      to the library to borrow some books this weekend.  [**View Answers**](javascript:showHide('div1'))  [10.1] 1) sang 2) will write 3) will go |