**Progressive and Perfect Tense**

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| **Progressive Tense**  The progressive tense involves action that is, was, or will be in progress at a certain time. In the progressive tense, verbs are formed with a "be" verb + ing.  **run**   * I am running a marathon right now. (present progressive) * I was running a marathon at this time last year. (past progressive) * I will be running a marathon next Sunday. (future progressive)   **eat**   * I am eating lunch now. * I was eating lunch when you saw me. * I will be eating lunch in the meeting.   **learn**   * I am learning English at my desk. * I was learning English the last two years. * I will be learning English then.   **cook**   * I am cooking my supper now. * I was cooking our dinner when you called me. * I will be cooking breakfast by the time you come home.   **Perfect Tense**  The present perfect tense describes an action that started in the past and continues to the present time. Use *has/have* + the past participle form of the verb.  The past perfect tense describes an action that started and ended in the past. Use *had* + the past participle form of the verb.  The future perfect tense describes future actions that will occur before some other action. Use *will have* + the past participle form of the verb.  **run**   * I have run several marathons this year. (present perfect) * I had run many marathons in the past. (past perfect) * I will have run a marathon by the time I turn 30. (future perfect)   **learn**   * I have learned a lot about English grammar this semester. * I had learned the basics of English grammar in elementary school. * I will have learned a lot about English grammar when I finish college.   **know**   * I have known her since I was young. * I had known her until she passed away. * I will have known her for 20 years next month.   **cook**   * I have cooked supper every night this week. * I had cooked supper every night until the stove broke. * I will have cooked supper every night by the time this diet ends.   **[Quiz 11.1]**  Using the following sentence and create three more sentences using the present, past, and future progressive tenses.  I sing a song on the big stage.   **[Quiz 11.2]**  Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given.  1)He                      (exercise) hard since last year. 2)I                      (study) math as my major since high school.  [**View Answers**](javascript:showHide('div1'))  [11.1] I am singing a song on the big stage. I was singing a song on the big stage. I will be singing a song on the big stage.  [11.2] 1) has exercised 2) have studied |