

English Verb Tenses: Summary and Practice

1. Present Simple

Rule: Subject + base verb (+ s/es for he/she/it)

Use: Habits, facts, routines

Example: She works at a hospital.

Practice: They ____ (play) football every Sunday.

2. Present Continuous

Rule: Subject + am/is/are + verb+ing

Use: Actions happening now or around now

Example: I am studying English.

Practice: She ____ (cook) dinner right now.

3. Present Perfect

Rule: Subject + have/has + past participle

Use: Actions with connection to the present

Example: They have finished their homework.

Practice: We ____ (visit) London twice.

4. Present Perfect Continuous

Rule: Subject + have/has been + verb+ing

Use: Action started in past and continuing now

Example: He has been working all day.

Practice: I ____ (read) this book for two hours.

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5. Past Simple

Rule: Subject + past verb

Use: Completed actions in the past (specific time)

Example: We visited Paris last year.

Practice: They _____ (watch) a movie last night.

6. Past Continuous

Rule: Subject + was/were + verb+ing

Use: Past action in progress or interrupted

Example: I was watching TV when she called.

Practice: She _____ (drive) when the phone rang.

7. Past Perfect

Rule: Subject + had + past participle

Use: Action before another past action

Example: They had left before we arrived.

Practice: We _____ (eat) dinner before they came.

8. Past Perfect Continuous

Rule: Subject + had been + verb+ing

Use: Duration before something in the past

Example: She had been studying for hours before the test.

Practice: He _____ (work) all day before the event.

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9. Future Simple

Rule: Subject + will + base verb

Use: Future decisions, predictions

Example: I will call you tomorrow.

Practice: They ____ (arrive) soon.

10. Future Continuous

Rule: Subject + will be + verb+ing

Use: Action in progress in the future

Example: They will be traveling this time next week.

Practice: We ____ (study) at 8 PM.

11. Future Perfect

Rule: Subject + will have + past participle

Use: Action completed before a future time

Example: By 2026, she will have graduated.

Practice: He ____ (finish) the report by Monday.

12. Future Perfect Continuous

Rule: Subject + will have been + verb+ing

Use: Duration until a future point

Example: By December, I will have been working here for 5 years.

Practice: They ____ (live) here for a decade by 2030.

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Answer Key

1. They_____ works

2. She_____ am

3. We_____ have

4. I_____ has

5. They_____ visited

6. She_____ was

7. We_____ had

8. He_____ had

9. They_____ will

10. We_____ will

11. He_____ 2026,

12. They_____ December,