

Tense	Signal words	Use	Form	Examples affirmative	Examples negative	Examples interrogative
Simple Present	every day sometimes always often usually seldom never first ... then	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> something happens repeatedly how often something happens one action follows another things in general with verbs like (<i>to love, to hate, to think, etc.</i>) future meaning: timetables, programmes 	infinitive he/she/it: infinitive + s	I work . He works . I go . He goes .	I don't work . He doesn't work . I don't go . He doesn't go .	Do I work ? Does he work ? Do I go ? Does he go ?
Present Progressive	now at the moment Look! Listen!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> something is happening at the same time of speaking or around it future meaning: when you have already decided and arranged to do it (a fixed plan, date) 	be (am/are/is) + infinitive + ing	I' m working . He' s working . I' m going . He' s going .	I' m not working . He isn't working . I' m not going . He isn't going .	Am I working ? Is he working ? Am I going ? Is he going ?
Simple Past	last ago in 1990 yesterday	action took place in the past, mostly connected with an expression of time (no connection to the present)	regular: infinitive + ed irregular: (2nd column of table of irregular verbs)	I worked . He worked . I went . He went .	I didn't work . He didn't work . I didn't go . He didn't go .	Did I work ? Did he work ? Did I go ? Did he go ?

Past Progressive	while	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> an action happened in the middle of another action someone was doing sth. at a certain time (in the past) - you don't know whether it was finished or not 	was/were + infinitive + ing	I was working . He was working . I was going . He was going .	I wasn't working . He wasn't working . I wasn't going . He wasn't going .	Was I working? Was he working? Was I going? Was he going?
Simple Present Perfect	just yet never ever already so far, up to now, since for recently	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> you say that sth. has happened or is finished in the past and it has a connection to the present action started in the past and continues up to the present 	have/has + past participle* *(infinitive + ed) or (3rd column of table of irregular verbs)	I have worked . He has worked . I have gone . He has gone .	I haven't worked . He hasn't worked . I haven't gone . He hasn't gone .	Have I worked? Has he worked? Have I gone? Has he gone?
Present Perfect Progressive	all day the whole day how long since for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> action began in the past and has just stopped how long the action has been happening emphasis: length of time of an action	have/has + been + infinitive + ing	I have been working . He has been working . I have been going . He has been going .	I haven't been working . He hasn't been working . I haven't been going . He hasn't been going .	Have I been working? Has he been working? Have I been going? Has he been going?

Simple Past Perfect	<p>already</p> <p>just</p> <p>never</p>	<p>mostly when two actions in a story are related to each other: the action which had already happened is put into <i>Past Perfect</i>, the other action into <i>Simple Past</i></p> <p>the past of the <i>Present Perfect</i></p>	<p>had + past participle*</p> <p>*(infinitive + ed) or (3rd column of table of irregular verbs)</p>	<p>I had worked.</p> <p>He had worked.</p> <p>I had gone.</p> <p>He had gone.</p>	<p>I hadn't worked.</p> <p>He hadn't worked.</p> <p>I hadn't gone.</p> <p>He hadn't gone.</p>	<p>Had I worked?</p> <p>Had he worked?</p> <p>Had I gone?</p> <p>Had he gone?</p>
Past Perfect Progressive	<p>how long</p> <p>since</p> <p>for</p>	<p>how long something had been happening before something else happened</p>	<p>had + been + infinitive + ing</p>	<p>I had been working.</p> <p>He had been working.</p> <p>I had been going.</p> <p>He had been going.</p>	<p>I hadn't been working.</p> <p>He hadn't been working.</p> <p>I hadn't been going.</p> <p>He hadn't been going.</p>	<p>Had I been working?</p> <p>Had he been working?</p> <p>Had I been going?</p> <p>Had he been going?</p>
will - future		<p>predictions about the future (you think that sth will happen)</p> <p>you decide to do sth. spontaneously at the time of speaking</p> <p>main clause in type I of the Conditional sentences</p>	<p>will + infinitive</p>	<p>I'll work.</p> <p>He'll work.</p> <p>I'll go.</p> <p>He'll go.</p>	<p>I won't work.</p> <p>He won't work.</p> <p>I won't go.</p> <p>He won't go.</p>	<p>Will I work?</p> <p>Will he work?</p> <p>Will I go?</p> <p>Will he go?</p>
going to - future		<p>when you have already decided to do sth. in the future</p> <p>what you think what will happen</p>	<p>be (am/are/is) + going to + infinitive</p>	<p>I'm going to work.</p> <p>He's going to work.</p> <p>I'm going to go.</p> <p>He's going to go.</p>	<p>I'm not going to work.</p> <p>He's not going to work.</p> <p>I'm not going to go.</p> <p>He's not going to go.</p>	<p>Am I going to work?</p> <p>Is he going to work?</p> <p>Am I going to go?</p> <p>Is he going to go?</p>

Future Progressive		<p>▮ An action will be in progress at a certain time in the future. This action has begun before the certain time.</p> <p>▮ Something happens because it normally happens.</p>	<p>will + be + infinitive + ing</p>	<p>I'll be working.</p> <p>He'll be working.</p> <p>I'll be going.</p> <p>He'll be going.</p>	<p>I won't be working.</p> <p>He won't be working.</p> <p>I won't be going.</p> <p>He won't be going.</p>	<p>Will I be working?</p> <p>Will he be working?</p> <p>Will I be going?</p> <p>Will he be going?</p>
Future Perfect Simple		<p>sth. will already have happened before a certain time in the future</p>	<p>will + have + past participle*</p> <p>*(infinitive + ed) or (3rd column of table of irregular verbs)</p>	<p>I'll have worked.</p> <p>He'll have worked.</p> <p>I'll have gone.</p> <p>He'll have gone.</p>	<p>I won't have worked.</p> <p>He won't have worked.</p> <p>I won't have gone.</p> <p>He won't have gone.</p>	<p>Will I have worked?</p> <p>Will he have worked?</p> <p>Will I have gone?</p> <p>Will he have gone?</p>
Future Perfect Progressive		<p>sth. will already have happened before a certain time in the future</p> <p>emphasis: length of time of an action</p>	<p>will + have + been + infinitive + ing</p>	<p>I'll have been working.</p> <p>He'll have been working.</p> <p>I'll have been going.</p> <p>He'll have been going.</p>	<p>I won't have been working.</p> <p>He won't have been working.</p> <p>I won't have been going.</p> <p>He won't have been going.</p>	<p>Will I have been working?</p> <p>Will he have been working?</p> <p>Will I have been going?</p> <p>Will he have been going?</p>
Conditional Simple		<p>▮ sth. that might happen</p> <p>▮ main clause in type II of the Conditional sentences</p>	<p>would + infinitive</p>	<p>I would work.</p> <p>He would work.</p> <p>I would go.</p> <p>He would go.</p>	<p>I wouldn't work.</p> <p>He wouldn't work.</p> <p>I wouldn't go.</p> <p>He wouldn't go.</p>	<p>Would I work?</p> <p>Would he work?</p> <p>Would I work?</p> <p>Would he work?</p>

Conditional Progressive		sth. that might happen emphasis: length of time of an action	would + be + infinitive + ing	I would be working . He would be working . I would be going . He would be going .	I wouldn't be working . He wouldn't be working . I wouldn't be going . He wouldn't be going .	Would I be working? Would he be working? Would I be going? Would he be going?
Conditional Perfect		<div>sth. that might have happened in the past</div> <div>main clause in type III of the Conditional sentences</div>	would + have + past participle* *(infinitive + ed) or (3rd column of table of irregular verbs)	I would have worked . He would have worked . I would have gone . He would have gone .	I wouldn't have worked . He wouldn't have worked . I wouldn't have gone . He wouldn't have gone .	Would I have worked? Would he have worked? Would I have gone? Would he have gone?
Conditional Perfect Progressive		sth. that might have happened in the past emphasis: length of time of an action	would + have + been + infinitive + ing	I would have been working . He would have been working . I would have been going . He would have been going .	I wouldn't have been working . He wouldn't have been working . I wouldn't have been going . He wouldn't have been going .	Would I have been working? Would he have been working? Would I have been going? Would he have been going?

We sometimes use **Continuous** instead of **Progressive**. Some signal words can be found in more tenses. We did not list signal words in the future. Always remember what action is described.

Used colours:

blue → infinitive

dark green → auxiliary

orange → ending

grey → irregular verbs in the Simple Past

purple → past participle

light green → signal word

red → negation