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# Tense Aspect Mood

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# Verb



- Every sentence needs a verb.
- Verbs express action, describe an event, or establish a state of being.
- Verbs are influenced by tense, aspect, and mood.
- "Verb tense" refers to when the action occurred. The most common tenses are past, present, or future.
- "Verb aspect" refers to the flow of time. Aspect addresses whether or not the action takes place in a single block of time or if the action is continuous or repeated.
- "Verb mood" refers to the "attitude" of the action. Is the verb actually happening, possibly happening, or being commanded to happen?



# T-A-M

**Tense:** the location of the state or action in time, that is whether it is in the past, present or future.

ACTION AT THE POINT OF TIME

**Aspect:** the extension of the state or action in time, that is whether it is unitary (perfective), continuous or repeated (imperfective).

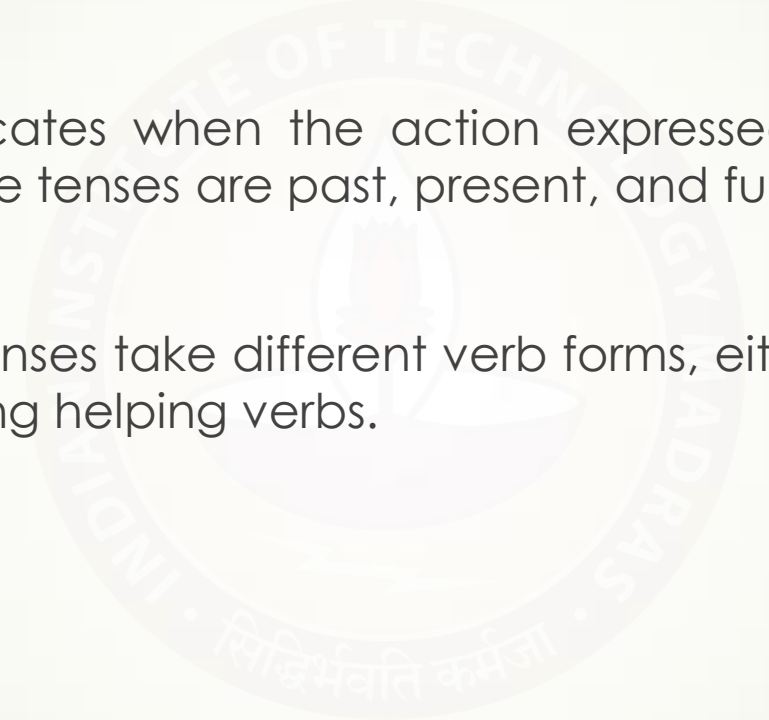
ACTION IN THE FLOW OF TIME

**Mood:** the reality of the state or action, that is whether it is actual (realis), a possibility or a necessity (irrealis).

STATE, ATTITUDE, MODALITY OF ACTION

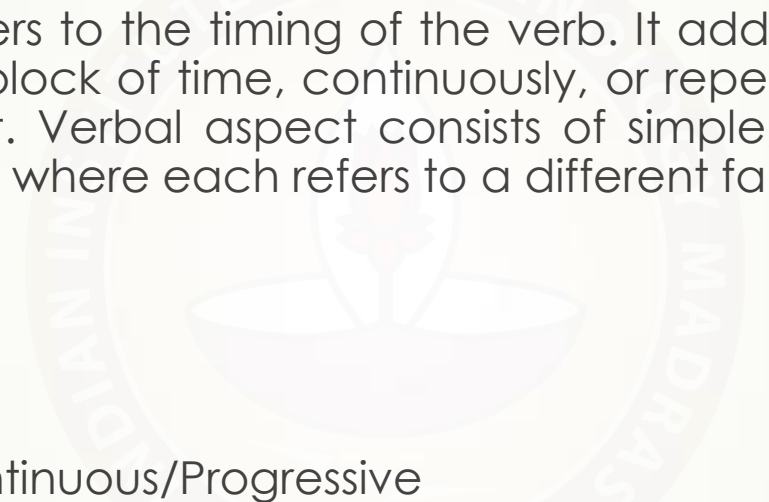


# Tense

- Tense indicates when the action expressed by a verb takes place. The three simple tenses are past, present, and future.
  - Different tenses take different verb forms, either by changing the word itself or by adding helping verbs.
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# Aspect

- Aspect: refers to the timing of the verb. It addresses whether the action occurs in a single block of time, continuously, or repetitively. All verbs have both tense and aspect. Verbal aspect consists of simple, progressive, perfect, or perfect progressive, where each refers to a different fabric of time.
  - Simple
  - Progressive
  - Perfect
  - Perfect Continuous/Progressive
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# Mood

- Mood refers to the the degree of necessity, obligation, or probability. Mood can be expressed in any verb tense. The three main moods used in English are:
- Indicative, [used for factual/plain statements]
  - The PM arrives tomorrow.
- Subjunctive, [for hypothetical situations, emotions, or making requests]
  - If I were a king.....
- Imperative. [command, request, advice]
  - Abide by the rules.