

12 TENSES

SUMMARY

PRESENT TENSES



PRESENT SIMPLE

S + V.1(S/ES)

KEYWORDS:

ALWAYS/OFTEN/USUALLY/SOMETIMES/SELDOM/NEVER/EVERY

HABITS

I always **go** to bed at this time.

FACTS/UNCHANGING SITUATIONS

International brands **tweak** their products to reach a large audience in India.

TIMETABLES/ ARRANGEMENTS

The subway **arrives** in one hour.

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

S + IS/AM/ARE + V.ING

KEYWORDS:

AT THE MOMENT/NOW/NOWADAYS/THIS_/AT PRESENT

CURRENT ACTIONS

I **am eating** my mouth full!

TEMPORARY ACTIONS/HABITS

My brother and I **are going** to the gym these days.

NEAR FUTURE PLAN

I **am staying** in today,

****Do not use 'Verb of feeling' such as taste/excite/feel/seem in continuous form.**

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PRESENT TENSES



PRESENT PERFECT

S + HAS/HAVE + V.3

KEYWORDS:

ALREADY/YET/SO FAR/JUST/FINALLY/RECENTLY/MEANWHILE

LIFE EXPERIENCES

I **have reached** that peak twice.

STARTED IN THE PAST AND CONTINUES IN THE PRESENT

In recent years, brands **have moved** towards experimenting with more and more unusual combinations in their food.

HAPPENED(NO SPECIFIC TIME)

Has Jordan ever **been** to Myanmar?

PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

S + HAS/HAVE BEEN + V.ING

KEYWORDS:

ALREADY/YET/SO FAR/JUST/FINALLY/RECENTLY

JUST STOPPED HAPPENING AND ABLE TO SEE THE RESULT

In recent years, they **have been moving** towards fusion of regional flavours.

**STARTED IN THE PAST AND CONTINUES IN THE PRESENT
(WHILE SPEAKER IS TELLING)**

For decades, global fast food giants **have been catering** to Indians used to eating from local eateries.

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PAST TENSES



PAST SIMPLE

S + V.2

KEYWORDS:

LAST_/YESTERDAY/_AGO/IN_/JUST NOW

HAPPENED AND ENDED ACTIONS/SITUATIONS

The company's trademark golden logo **became** a ubiquitous presence across cities and its catchy jingle...

PAST HABITS(NO LONGER)

We **used** to go there together when we were young, do you remember that?

NEWS/STORYTELLING

McDonald's **opened** its first outlet in an upscale Delhi neighbourhood in 1996.

PAST CONTINUOUS

S + WAS/WERE+ V.ING

KEYWORDS:

AT THIS TIME YESTERDAY/ AT_O'CLOCK LAST_/WHEN/WHILE

SIMULTANEOUS ACTIONS IN PAST

As he **was walking** by, I could not take my eyes off him.

ACTIONS IN SPECIFIC TIME IN PAST

On the last Sunday, what **were** you **doing** exactly in the morning?

****1st action/situation (still happening) : Past continuous tense**
2nd action/situation (interruption) : Past simple tense

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PAST TENSES



PAST PERFECT

S + HAD + V.3

KEYWORDS:

BEFORE/AFTER/WHEN/BY THE TIME/FOR

FINISHED BEFORE ANOTHER PAST ACTION

When the bus came, she **had gone** to Rome.

TIME UNTIL A POINT IN PAST

The patient **had** recently **travelled** to Nigeria

PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS

S + HAD BEEN + V.ING

KEYWORDS:

BEFORE/AFTER/WHEN/BY THE TIME/FOR

RESULTED IN THE PAST

Celine **had been going** through this surgery for over six months by the time her parents came to support her.

TIME UNTIL A POINT IN PAST

I **had been studying** for decades when I finally found out.

****1st action/situation : Past perfect/Past perfect continuous tense**
2nd action/situation : Past simple tense

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FUTURE TENSES



FUTURE SIMPLE

S + WILL/SHALL + V.INFINITIVE

KEYWORDS:

LATER/SOON/TOMORROW/IN _/THIS_

NEAR FUTURE EVENTS

I'll **meet** him later.

UNPLANNED FUTURE ACTIONS/SITUATIONS

You **will come** along, won't you?

FUTURE CONTINUOUS

S + WILL BE+ V.ING

KEYWORDS:

LATER/SOON/TOMORROW/IN _/THIS_

DEFINITE ACTION/EVENTS/SITUATION IN THE FUTURE (SPECIFIC TIME)

At twelve the day after tomorrow, I **will be having** brunch with Mr.Beckham.

TEMPORARY ACTIONS/HABITS

I **will be hanging** around soon.

NEAR FUTURE PLAN

She **will be joining** the after party too.

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FUTURE PERFECT

S + WILL HAVE + V.3

KEYWORDS:

BEFORE/AFTER/WHEN/BY_/BY THE TIME/ONCE/UNTIL/AS SOON AS

HAPPENS IN THE PRESENT (SPECIFIC TIME)

Simon **will have handed** out all of assignments
by Thursday

HAPPENED

(NO SPECIFIC TIME)

When she arrives, the tour **will have left**.

FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS

S + WILL HAVE BEEN + V.ING

KEYWORDS:

BEFORE/AFTER/WHEN/BY_/BY THE TIME/ONCE/UNTIL/AS SOON AS

**HAPPENS IN THE PRESENT
(WHILE SPEAKER IS TELLING)(SPECIFIC TIME)**

Jonas **will have been serving** his master for thirty
years in a few hours.