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Overview of Tenses

	PRESENT	PAST	FUTURE
	buy/buys (V1)	bought (V2)	will buy
SIMPLE	Habitual, General truth, Reporting in print Historical present	Past action (specific time, no longer true)	An action that will occur in the future
	am/is/are + buying (V1)	was/were buying (V1)	will be buying (V1)
PROGRESSIVE	Present moment action Present period of time action Parallel actions	Past moment action (emphasis on duration)	Future moment action future action (emphasis on duration)
	have/ has bought (V3)	had bought (V3)	will have bought (V3)
PERFECT	An action that began in the past and continues by/in the present	An action was completed by a definite past time/ before another past action	An action will be completed before another time in the future
PERFECT PROGRESSIVE	have/has been buying (V1) An action that started in the past and has continued into the present (emphasis on duration of the activity) An activity that has been in progress recently	An action that was completed before another action in the past	will have been buying (V1) An action that has been in progress for a period of time before another event in the future



"Just because something works doesn't mean it can't be improved."

Shuri, Black Panther

COMPUTERS IN THE MODERN WORLD-1 (151)

Reader at Work I

The computer is a fairly new invention, but it has already become very important in the modern world, especially in government, science, business, and education. Since computers are very efficient, schools, banks and other organizations use them for many kinds of work in which speed is essential.

For example, banks often use computers to monitor accounts. In many city banks, computers keep all the records of **customers'** deposits and withdrawals. Customers can also do their banking at any time of the day, thanks to computers. They can go to an outside window where they punch a code number on a computer. The computer will take care of their deposit or withdrawal. If they are depositing, they put their money in an envelope and insert it in the machine. If the customer is withdrawing, the machine will return money in an envelope.

COMPUTERS IN THE MODERN WORLD-2 (151)

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Customers can pay bills without going to the bank since the computers in banks can communicate with computers in other places. People find it more **convenient** than having to carry cash or cheques with them when they go shopping. When the customer buys something at a store, the computer can **immediately subtract** money from the customer's bank account and add it to the store's account.

COMPUTERS IN THE MODERN WORLD-3 (151)

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Computers help us in other areas, too. They help scientists do many experiments. Because of computers, we have made progress in many areas, such as health care, communications systems, business management, and space exploration.

Large hotels, airlines, and other businesses use computers too to control reservations, keep records, pay employees and compute bills.

In fact, computers are more efficient today than ever before, and it is difficult to imagine the world without them. But it is very easy to predict the importance of these 'thinking machines' in the future.