

## Table of English Tenses

tense	Affirmative, Negative, Question FORMS	Use	Frequent Words
<u>Simple Present</u>	A: He speaks. N: He does not speak. Q: Does he speak?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Habits</li> <li>facts</li> <li>Actions taking place one after another</li> <li>Action set by a timetable or schedule</li> </ul>	always, every..., never, normally, often, seldom, sometimes, usually. Condit.type I ( <i>If I talk ...</i> )
<u>Present Progressive</u>	A: He is speaking. N: He is not speaking. Q: Is he speaking?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action taking place in the moment of speaking</li> <li>Action taking place only for a limited period of time</li> <li>Action arranged for the future</li> </ul>	at the moment, just, just now, Listen!, Look!, now, right now
<u>Simple Past</u>	A: He spoke. N: He did not speak. Q: Did he speak?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action in the past taking place once, never or several times</li> <li>Actions taking place one after another</li> <li>Action taking place in the middle of another action</li> </ul>	yesterday, 2 minutes ago, in 1990, the other day, last Friday if sentence type II ( <i>If I talked...</i> )
<u>Past Progressive</u>	A: He was speaking. N: He was not speaking. Q: Was he speaking?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action <b>going on</b> at a certain time in the past</li> <li>Actions taking place at the same time</li> <li>Action in the past that is interrupted by another action</li> </ul>	when, while, as long as
<u>Present Perfect Simple</u>	A: He has spoken. N: He has not spoken. Q: Has he spoken?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Putting emphasis on the <b>result</b></li> <li>Action that is still going on</li> <li>Action that stopped recently</li> <li>Finished action that</li> </ul>	already, ever, just, never, not yet, so far, till now, up to now

		<p>has an influence on the present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action that has taken place once, never or several times before the moment of speaking</li> </ul>	
<u>Present Perfect Progressive</u>	<p>A: He has been speaking. N: He has not been speaking. Q: Has he been speaking?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Putting emphasis on the <b>course or duration</b> (not the result)</li> <li>Action that recently stopped or is still going on</li> <li>Finished action that influenced the present</li> </ul>	all day, for 4 years, since 1993, how long?, the whole week
<u>Past Perfect Simple</u>	<p>A: He had spoken. N: He had not spoken. Q: Had he spoken?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action taking place before a certain time in the past</li> <li>Sometimes interchangeable with past perfect progressive</li> <li>Putting emphasis only on the <b>fact</b> (not the duration)</li> </ul>	already, just, never, not yet, once, until that day if sentence type III ( <i>If I had talked...</i> )
<u>Past Perfect Progressive</u>	<p>A: He had been speaking. N: He had not been speaking. Q: Had he been speaking?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action taking place before a certain time in the past</li> <li>Sometimes interchangeable with past perfect simple</li> <li>Putting emphasis on the <b>duration or course</b> of an action</li> </ul>	for, since, the whole day, all day
<u>Future I Simple</u>	<p>A: He will speak. N: He will not speak. Q: Will he speak?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action in the future that cannot be influenced</li> <li><b>Spontaneous</b> decision</li> <li>Assumption with regard to the future</li> </ul>	in a year, next..., tomorrow If-Satz Typ I ( <i>If you ask her, she <b>will help</b> you.</i> ) assumption: I think, probably, we might..., perhaps
<u>Future I Simple</u> (going to)	<p>A: He is going to speak. N: He is not going to speak. Q: Is he going to speak?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Decision</b> made for the future</li> </ul>	in one year, next week, tomorrow

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conclusion with regard to the future</li> </ul>	
<u><b>Future I Progressive</b></u>	<b>A:</b> He will be speaking. <b>N:</b> He will not be speaking. <b>Q:</b> Will he be speaking?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action that is <b>going on</b> at a certain time in the future</li> <li>Action that is sure to happen in the near future</li> </ul>	in one year, next week, tomorrow
<u><b>Future II Simple</b></u>	<b>A:</b> He will have spoken. <b>N:</b> He will not have spoken. <b>Q:</b> Will he have spoken?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action that will be <b>finished</b> at a certain time in the future</li> </ul>	by Monday, in a week
<u><b>Future II Progressive</b></u>	<b>A:</b> He will have been speaking. <b>N:</b> He will not have been speaking. <b>Q:</b> Will he have been speaking?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action taking place before a certain time in the future</li> <li>Putting emphasis on the <b>course</b> of an action</li> </ul>	for..., the last couple of hours, all day long
<u><b>Conditional I Simple</b></u>	<b>A:</b> He would speak. <b>N:</b> He would not speak. <b>Q:</b> Would he speak?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action that <b>might</b> take place</li> </ul>	Condit. type II ( <i>If I were you, I <b>would</b> go home.</i> )
<u><b>Conditional I Progressive</b></u>	<b>A:</b> He would be speaking. <b>N:</b> He would not be speaking. <b>Q:</b> Would he be speaking?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action that might take place</li> <li>Putting emphasis on the <b>course / duration</b> of the action</li> </ul>	
<u><b>Conditional II Simple</b></u>	<b>A:</b> He would have spoken. <b>N:</b> He would not have spoken. <b>Q:</b> Would he have spoken?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action that <b>might</b> have taken place in the past</li> </ul>	if sentences type III ( <i>If I had seen that, I <b>would have helped.</b></i> )
<u><b>Conditional II Progressive</b></u>	<b>A:</b> He would have been speaking. <b>N:</b> He would not have been speaking. <b>Q:</b> Would he have been speaking?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action that might have taken place in the past</li> <li>Puts emphasis on the <b>course / duration</b> of the action</li> </ul>	