

The basic forms of the English verb tenses:

	positive	negative	question
present	subject + verb (+ s)	subject + do / does + not + verb	(question word +) do / does + subject +
simple	I eat.	I don't eat toast.	verb?
	She eats toast.	She doesn't eat fish.	Do you eat breakfast every day?
		-	When does she eat lunch?
present	subject + am / is / are	subject + am / is / are + not	(question word +) am / is / are +
simple	I am hungry.	I'm not hungry.	subject?
with 'be'	She is in a cafe.	She isn't happy.	Is he at home?
			Why are you hungry?
present	subject + am / is / are + verb-ing	subject + am / is / are + not + verb-	(question word +) am / is / are +
continuous	She's eating toast.	ing	subject + verb-ing?
	They are eating lunch now.	He isn't eating.	When are they eating?
		We are not eating at home.	Is he eating now?
present	subject + have / has + past	subject + have / has + not + past	(question word +) have / has + subject
perfect	participle	participle	+ past participle?
	I've eaten breakfast.	We haven't eaten yet.	What have you eaten today?
	He has eaten lunch.	She hasn't eaten the chocolate.	Has she eaten lunch?
present	subject + have / has + been + verb-	subject + have / has + not + been +	(question word +) have / has + subject
perfect	ing	verb-ing	+ been + verb-ing?
continuous	I've been eating.	They haven't been eating.	What has she been eating?
	She's been eating biscuits all day.	He has not been eating toast.	Have they been eating breakfast?
past	subject + past simple (verb +ed)	subject + did + not + verb	(question word +) did + subject + verb?
simple	I ate an apple.	She didn't eat anything.	Did you eat the chocolate?
	She ate some rice.	They did not eat breakfast.	What did they eat for lunch?
past	subject + was / were	subject + was / were + not	(question word +) was / were +
simple	I was hungry.	We weren't hungry.	subject?
with 'be'	They were in a restaurant.	She wasn't at home.	Why was she hungry?
			Were you hungry?
past	subject + was / were + verb-ing	subject + was / were + not + verb-	(question word +) was / were + subject
continuous	I was eating.	ing	+ verb-ing?
	They were eating lunch.	You weren't eating.	Where were you eating?
		She wasn't eating a sandwich.	Was she eating an apple?
past	subject + had + past participle	subject + had + not + past participle	(question word +) had + subject + past
perfect	I had eaten.	We hadn't eaten.	participle
	She'd eaten lunch.	He had not eaten an apple.	Why had you eaten?
			Had they eaten fish before?
past	subject + had + been + verb-ing	subject + had + not + been + verb-	(question word +) had + subject + been
perfect	I had been eating chocolate all day.	ing	+ verb-ing?
continuous	She'd been eating breakfast.	I hadn't been eating.	Why had he been eating?
		She hadn't been eating an apple.	Had they been eating enough fruit?
future	subject + will + verb	subject + will + not + verb	(question word +) will + subject +
simple	I will eat later.	We won't eat anything tonight.	verb?
	She will eat at home.	He will not eat fish.	What will you eat for lunch?
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future	subject + will + be + verb-ing	subject + will + not + be + verb-ing	(question word +) will + subject + be +
continuous	I will be eating at 8pm.	They won't be eating.	verb-ing?
	She will be eating a sandwich.	He will not be eating anything.	What will you be eating?
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future	subject + will + have + past	subject + will + not + have + past	(question word +) will + subject + have
perfect	participle	participle	+ past participle?
	I will have eaten lunch by 3 o'clock.	He won't have eaten lunch yet.	When will you have eaten?
	She'll have eaten all the chocolate.	They will not have eaten their	Will she have eaten dinner by nine?
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future	subject + will + have + been +	subject + will + not + have + been +	(question word +) will + subject + have
perfect	verb-ing	verb-ing	+ been + verb-ing?
continuous	They will have been eating fruit.	I won't have been eating fish.	What will she have been eating?
	We'll have been eating all day.	They will not have been eating	Will you have been eating chocolate?
		lunch.	