

# TENSES INFOGRAPHICS



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# PRESENT SIMPLE

## PRESENT

### HABITS

She plays tennis every Tuesday.

Use with: twice a month, on Fridays, often, sometimes.

## FUTURE

### PERMANENT SITUATIONS

I live in London.

### SHORT ACTIONS NOW

He takes the ball and scores a goal!

### FUTURE TIMETABLES

Our train leaves at 11am.

Use with: this evening, at 10o'clock, tomorrow.

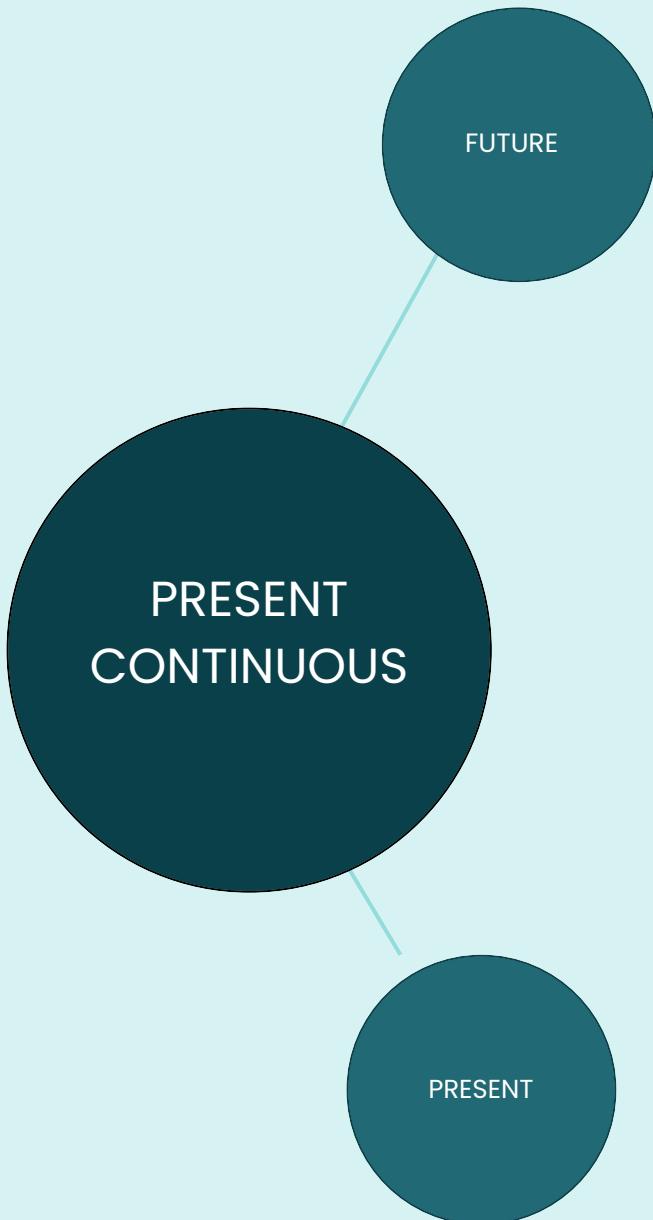
### FUTURE IN TIME CLAUSES

I won't go out until it stops raining.

Use with: until, when, as soon as, after, before.

### ALWAYS TRUE

Two and two make four.



## DEFINITE FUTURE PLANS

I'm meeting my father tomorrow.  
Use with: tomorrow, later, at 7pm  
tonight, on Tuesday.

## TEMPORARY SITUATIONS

I'm living in London.  
Use with: at the moment, for a few  
weeks, for a couple of months.

## TEMPORARY HABITS

He's eating a lot these days.  
Use with: at the moment, these days.

## ANNOYING HABITS

You're forever losing your keys!  
Use with: always, forever, constantly.

## UNFINISHED ACTIONS NOW

I'm working at the moment.  
Use with: now, at the moment

# PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE

FINISHED

## LIFE EXPERIENCE

I've been to Tokyo.

Use with: ever, never.

UNFINISHED

## PRESENT RESULT

I've lost my keys (so I can't get into my house).

## HOW LONG

I've known her since 2016.

Use with: since 2010, since July, for ten years, for three days.

## NEWS / RECENT EVENTS

The King has given a speech.

Use with: just / yet / already / recently.

## UNFINISHED TIME WORD

I haven't seen her this month.

Use with: this week, today, this month, this year.



### PRESENT RESULT

I've been working (that's why I'm tired).

### TEMPORARY SITUATIONS

I've been going to the gym recently.

Use with: recently.



### HOW LONG

I've been living in London for two years.

Use with: since 2010, since July, for ten years, for three days.

# PAST SIMPLE

PAST

PRESENT /  
FUTURE

## UNREAL / IMAGINARY THINGS

If I won the lottery, I would buy a house.

Use with: wish, it's time, second conditional.

### FINISHED TIME WORD

I went to the cinema yesterday.  
Use with: yesterday, last night, in 2003, 6 months ago.

### FINISHED TIME PERIOD

Leonardo painted the Mona Lisa.

### DETAILS OF NEWS

I've hurt my leg. I fell off a ladder.

Use with: the present perfect.

### ACTIONS IN STORIES

He sat down and ordered a coffee.

Use with: the past continuous.

## OVERLAPPING ACTION

I was walking to the station when I met John.

Use with: when + past simple, two o'clock, 7pm.

# PAST CONTINUOUS

## STORY BACKGROUND

The birds were singing and the sun was shining. Amy sat down.

Use with: the past simple.

## SOME PAST HABITS

She was constantly singing.

Use with: always, forever, constantly, at that time, in those days.

## EMPHASIS OF LENGTH OF ACTION

I was working in the garden all day.

Use with: all day, all evening, for hours.

# PAST PERFECT

## ACTION FINISHED BEFORE ANOTHER PAST ACTION

When we arrived, the film had started.

Use with: when + past simple, June, last Tuesday.

## HOW LONG TO A POINT IN THE PAST

When he graduated, he had been in London for six years.

Use with: when + past simple, for + time.

## UNREAL THINGS IN THE PAST

I wish I hadn't gone to bed so late!

Use with: third conditionals, wish.

# PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS

## HOW LONG TO A POINT IN THE PAST

She had been working at that company for a year when she met James.

Use with: when + past simple, for + time.

## RESULT AT A TIME IN THE PAST

The pavement was wet. It had been raining.

Use with: the past simple.

## FUTURE SIMPLE

WILL

BE  
GOING  
TO

### FUTURE PREDICTION

The sun will rise at 7 am.  
I think the Conservatives will win the next election.

### PROMISES / REQUESTS / REFUSALS / OFFERS

I'll help you with your homework.

### FUTURE CONDITIONALS

If it doesn't rain, we'll go to the park.  
Use with: the first conditional.

### PLANS AND INTENTIONS

A: We've run out of milk.  
B: I know. I'm going to buy some.

### FUTURE PREDICTION

The sky is getting darker and darker. It's going to rain.

# FUTURE CONTINUOUS

## OVERLAPPING ACTION

I'll be waiting when you arrive.

Use with: when + present simple, at 8pm.

## FUTURE AS A MATTER OF COURSE

The government will be making a statement later.

Use with: later, tonight, next week, on the 2nd of September.

## FUTURE PERFECT SIMPLE

### HOW LONG TO A POINT IN THE FUTURE

When we get married, I'll have known Robert for four years.

Use with: when + present simple,  
by the time + present simple,  
for + time.

### ACTION FINISHED BEFORE A POINT IN THE FUTURE

By ten o'clock, I will have finished my homework.

Use with: by three o'clock,  
by Friday,  
when + present simple,  
by the time + present simple.

# FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS

## HOW LONG TO A POINT IN THE FUTURE

In April, she will have been teaching for twelve years.

Use with: when + present simple, by the time + present simple, for + time.

## ACTION FINISHED BEFORE A POINT IN THE FUTURE

When I see you, I'll have been studying, so I'll be tired.

Use with: when + present simple, by the time + present simple.