

Tense	Signal words	Use	Form	Examples affirmative	Examples negative	Examples interrogative
<b>Simple Present</b>	every day sometimes always often usually seldom never first ... then	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>something happens repeatedly</li> <li>how often something happens</li> <li>one action follows another</li> <li>things in general</li> <li>with verbs like (to love, to hate, to think, etc.)</li> <li>future meaning: timetables, programmes</li> </ul>	infinitive  he/she/it: infinitive + s	I work. He works. I go. He goes.	I don't work. He doesn't work. I don't go. He doesn't go.	Do I work? Does he work? Do I go? Does he go?
<b>Present Progressive</b>	now at the moment Look! Listen!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>something is happening at the same time of speaking or around it</li> <li>future meaning: when you have already decided and arranged to do it (a fixed plan, date)</li> </ul>	be (am/are/is) + infinitive + ing	I'm working. He's working. I'm going. He's going.	I'm not working. He isn't working. I'm not going. He isn't going.	Am I working? Is he working? Am I going? Is he going?
<b>Simple Past</b>	last ... ... ago in 1990 yesterday	action took place in the past, mostly connected with an expression of time (no connection to the present)	regular: infinitive + ed  irregular: (2nd column of table of irregular verbs)	I worked. He worked. I went. He went	I didn't work. He didn't work. I didn't go. He didn't go	Did I work? Did he work? Did I go? Did he go?
<b>Past Progressive</b>	while	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>an action happened in the middle of another action</li> <li>someone was doing sth. at a certain time (in the past) - you don't know whether it was finished or not</li> </ul>	was/were + infinitive + ing	I was working. He was working. I was going. He was going.	I wasn't working. He wasn't working. I wasn't going. He wasn't going.	Was I working? Was he working? Was I going? Was he going?
<b>Simple Present Perfect</b>	just yet never ever already so far, up to now, since for recently	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>you say that sth. has happened or is finished in the past and it has a connection to the present</li> <li>action started in the past and continues up to the present</li> </ul>	have/has + past participle*  *(infinitive + ed) or (3rd column of table of irregular verbs)	I have worked. He has worked. I have gone. He has gone.	I haven't worked. He hasn't worked. I haven't gone. He hasn't gone.	Have I worked? Has he worked? Have I gone? Has he gone?
<b>Present Perfect Progressive</b>	all day the whole day how long since for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>action began in the past and has just stopped</li> <li>how long the action has been happening</li> </ul> <p><b>emphasis: length of time of an action</b></p>	have/has + been + infinitive + ing	I have been working. He has been working. I have been going. He has been	I haven't been working. He hasn't been working. I haven't been going. He hasn't been	Have I been working? Has he been working? Have I been going? Has he been
<b>Simple Past Perfect</b>	already just never	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>mostly when two actions in a story are related to each other: the action which had already happened is put into Past Perfect, the other action into Simple Past</li> <li>the past of the Present Perfect</li> </ul>	had + past participle*  *(infinitive + ed) or (3rd column of table of irregular verbs)	I had worked. He had worked. I had gone. He had gone.	I hadn't worked. He hadn't worked. I hadn't gone. He hadn't gone.	Had I worked? Had he worked? Had I gone? Had he gone?
<b>Past Perfect Progressive</b>	how long since for	how long something had been happening before something else happened	had + been + infinitive + ing	I had been working. He had been working. I had been going. He had been going.	I hadn't been working. He hadn't been working. I hadn't been going. He hadn't been going.	Had I been working? Had he been working? Had I been going? Had he been going?
<b>will - future</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>predictions about the future (you think that sth will happen)</li> <li>you decide to do sth. spontaneously at the time of speaking</li> <li>main clause in type I of the Conditional sentences</li> </ul>	will + infinitive	I'll work. He'll work. I'll go. He'll go.	I won't work. He won't work. I won't go. He won't go.	Will I work? Will he work? Will I go? Will he go?
<b>going to - future</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>when you have already decided to do sth. in the future</li> <li>what you think what will happen</li> </ul>	be (am/are/is) + going to + infinitive	I'm going to work. He's going to work. I'm going to go. He's going to go.	I'm not going to work. He's not going to work. I'm not going to go. He's not going to go.	Am I going to work? Is he going to work? Am I going to go? Is he going to go?



<i>Future Progressive</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An action will be in progress at a certain time in the future. This action has begun before the certain time.</li> <li>Something happens because it normally happens.</li> </ul>	will + be + infinitive + ing	I'll be working. He'll be working. I'll be going. He'll be going.	I won't be working. He won't be working. I won't be going. He won't be going.	Will I be working? Will he be working? Will I be going? Will he be going?
<i>Future Perfect Simple</i>		sth. will already have happened before a certain time in the future	will + have + past participle* *(infinitive + ed) or (3rd column of table of irregular verbs)	I'll have worked. He'll have worked. I'll have gone. He'll have gone.	I won't have worked. He won't have worked. I won't have gone. He won't have gone.	Will I have worked? Will he have worked? Will I have gone? Will he have gone?
<i>Future Perfect Progressive</i>		sth. will already have happened before a certain time in the future <b>emphasis: length of time of an action</b>	will + have + been + infinitive + ing	I'll have been working. He'll have been working. I'll have been going. He'll have been going.	I won't have been working. He won't have been working. I won't have been going. He won't have been going.	Will I have been working? Will he have been working? Will I have been going? Will he have been going?
<i>Conditional Simple</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sth. that might happen</li> <li>main clause in type II of the Conditional sentences</li> </ul>	would + infinitive	I would work. He would work. I would go.	I wouldn't work. He wouldn't work. I wouldn't go.	Would I work? Would he work? Would I work?
<i>Conditional Progressive</i>		sth. that might happen <b>emphasis: length of time of an action</b>	would + be + infinitive + ing	I would be working. He would be working. I would be going. He would be going.	I wouldn't be working. He wouldn't be working. I wouldn't be going. He wouldn't be going.	Would I be working? Would he be working? Would I be going? Would he be going?
<i>Conditional Perfect</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sth. that might have happened in the past</li> <li>main clause in type III of the Conditional sentences</li> </ul>	would + have + past participle* *(infinitive + ed) or (3rd column of table of irregular verbs)	I would have worked. He would have worked. I would have gone. He would have gone.	I wouldn't have worked. He wouldn't have worked. I wouldn't have gone. He wouldn't have gone.	Would I have worked? Would he have worked? Would I have gone? Would he have gone?
<i>Conditional Perfect Progressive</i>		sth. that might have happened in the past <b>emphasis: length of time of an action</b>	would + have + been + infinitive + ing	I would have been working. He would have been working. I would have been going. He would have been going.	I wouldn't have been working. He wouldn't have been working. I wouldn't have been going. He wouldn't have been going.	Would I have been working? Would he have been working? Would I have been going? Would he have been going?