

# TENSES

- **What Are Tenses?**
- **Tenses tell us *when* an action happens.**  
They show **time**:
- Present = now
- Past = before
- Future = after

- **How Many Tenses Are There?**
- There are **12 main tenses**, divided into 3 groups:

### **1. Present Tense (now)**

- Simple Present
- Present Continuous
- Present Perfect
- Present Perfect Continuous

### **2. Past Tense (before)**

- Simple Past
- Past Continuous
- Past Perfect
- Past Perfect Continuous

### **3. Future Tense (after)**

- Simple Future
- Future Continuous
- Future Perfect
- Future Perfect Continuous

- PRESENT TENSE
- 1. Simple Present Tense
- When to use:
  - ✓ Habits
  - ✓ Daily routines
  - ✓ Facts
  - ✓ General truths
- Formula:
  - ✓ Subject + V1 (base form) + s/es (only for he/she/it)
- Examples :

1. I wake up early.
2. She eats breakfast at 8 am.
3. They play football every day.
4. He works in a bank.
5. Water boils at 100°C.
6. Birds fly in the sky.
7. We study English daily.
8. The sun rises in the east.

- **2. Present Continuous Tense**
- **When to use:**
  - ✓ Actions happening *right now*
  - ✓ Temporary actions
- **Formula:**
  - ✓ Subject + am/is/are + V1 + ing
- **Examples (8):**
  1. I am eating dinner.
  2. She is studying for the exam.
  3. They are playing outside.
  4. He is watching TV.
  5. We are learning English.
  6. The baby is crying.
  7. It is raining heavily.
  8. I am working on my project.

- **3. Present Perfect Tense**
- **When to use:**
  - ✓ Action completed recently
  - ✓ Action that has a result now
  - ✓ Life experiences
- **Formula:**
  - ✓ Subject + has/have + V3 (past participle)
- **Examples :**
  1. I have finished my homework.
  2. She has cooked dinner.
  3. They have visited Delhi.
  4. He has lost his keys.
  5. We have known each other for years.
  6. I have read that book before.
  7. She has written a letter.
  8. They have cleaned the room.

- **Present Perfect Continuous Tense**
- **When to use:**
  - ✓ Action started in past and still continuing
    - ✓ Action continuing *till now*
- **Formula:**
  - ✓ Subject + has/have + been + V1 + ing
- **Examples :**
  1. I have been studying for 2 hours.
  2. She has been cooking since morning.
  3. They have been working all day.
  4. He has been living here for a year.
  5. We have been waiting for you.
  6. The children have been playing outside.
  7. It has been raining since 5 am.
  8. I have been practicing yoga for weeks.

- **PAST TENSE**
- **5. Simple Past Tense**
- **When to use:**
- ✓ Completed actions in the past
- **Formula:**
- ✓ **Subject + V2 (past form)**
- **Examples :**
  1. I visited my friend yesterday.
  2. She cooked pasta last night.
  3. They played cricket.
  4. He watched a movie.
  5. We traveled to Jaipur.
  6. She wrote a letter.
  7. I read that book last week.
  8. They cleaned the house.

- **6. Past Continuous Tense**
- **When to use:**
  - ✓ Action happening at a specific time in the past
  - ✓ Two actions happening together in the past
- **Formula:**
  - ✓ Subject + was/were + V1 + ing
- **Examples :**
  1. I was studying at 8 pm.
  2. She was cooking dinner.
  3. They were playing football.
  4. He was reading a newspaper.
  5. We were watching TV.
  6. It was raining yesterday.
  7. The kids were shouting.
  8. I was working on my laptop.

- **Past Perfect Tense**
- **When to use:**
  - ✓ First completed action before another past action
    - ✓ “Already happened” before another event
- **Formula:**
  - ✓ Subject + had + V3
- **Examples :**
  1. I had finished my work before dinner.
  2. She had left when I arrived.
  3. They had eaten before the movie started.
  4. He had slept by 10 pm.
  5. We had reached the station early.
  6. She had learned French before moving.
  7. I had cleaned the room earlier.
  8. They had completed the project.

- **Past Perfect Continuous Tense**
- **When to use:**
  - ✓ Long action before another past action
  - ✓ Action continuing up to a point in past
- **Formula:**
  - ✓ Subject + had + been + V1 + ing
- **Examples :**
  1. I had been studying for 3 hours.
  2. She had been working all morning.
  3. They had been playing since 2 pm.
  4. He had been driving all day.
  5. We had been waiting for the bus.
  6. She had been crying for an hour.
  7. It had been raining since night.
  8. I had been practicing before the show.

- **Simple Future Tense**
- **When to use:**
  - ✓ Future plans
  - ✓ Predictions
  - ✓ Decisions made at the moment
- **Formula:**
  - ✓ Subject + will + V1
- **Examples :**
  1. I will call you later.
  2. She will cook dinner tomorrow.
  3. They will play cricket next week.
  4. He will help you.
  5. We will meet soon.
  6. It will rain today.
  7. I will start studying.
  8. She will visit her grandparents.

- **Future Continuous Tense**
- **When to use:**
- ✓ Action happening at a certain time in the future
- **Formula:**
- ✓ **Subject + will be + V1 + ing**
- **Examples :**
  1. I will be studying at 8 pm.
  2. She will be cooking dinner.
  3. They will be traveling tomorrow.
  4. He will be working late.
  5. We will be waiting for you.
  6. It will be raining tonight.
  7. The kids will be playing outside.
  8. I will be driving to Delhi.

- **Future Perfect Tense**
- **When to use:**
- ✓ Action completed before a future time
- **Formula:**
- ✓ **Subject + will have + V3**
- **Examples :**
  1. I will have finished by tomorrow.
  2. She will have cooked dinner by 8 pm.
  3. They will have left by noon.
  4. He will have completed the work.
  5. We will have reached home.
  6. She will have learned English by then.
  7. I will have cleaned my room.
  8. They will have built the bridge.

- **Future Perfect Continuous Tense**
- **When to use:**
  - ✓ Action going on for a long time before a future moment
- **Formula:**
  - ✓ **Subject + will have been + V1 + ing**
- **Examples :**
  1. I will have been studying for 3 hours.
  2. She will have been cooking since morning.
  3. They will have been working all day.
  4. He will have been driving for hours.
  5. We will have been waiting for a long time.
  6. She will have been practicing for months.
  7. It will have been raining since noon.
  8. I will have been exercising for an hour

- Some books or teachers include **extra forms**, but these are NOT official “tenses.” They are **variations or structures** made using the main tenses.
- Here are the “other” forms:
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- **A. Near Future (Going to Form)**
- Not a separate tense but used a lot.
- **Formula:**  
**Subject + am/is/are + going to + V1**
- Example:
  - I am going to study.
  - She is going to travel.
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- **B. Simple Present Used for Future Events**
- Example:
  - The train leaves at 6 pm.  
(But the structure is still Simple Present.)

-  **C. Present Continuous Used for Future Plans**

- Example:
- I am meeting my friend tomorrow.
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-  **D. “Used to” Form (Past Habit)**

- Not a tense, but common.
- Example:
- I used to play football.

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-  **E. “Would” for Past Habit**

- Example:
- When I was young, I would read every night.