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| **Tense** | **Signal words** | **Use** | **Form** | **Examples** |
| [Simple Present](http://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/grammar/sim_pres.htm) | **every day sometimes always often usually seldom never first ... then** | something happens repeatedly   how often something happens  one action follows another  things in general  after the following verbs (to love, to hate, to think, etc.)  future meaning: timetables, programmes | **infinitive**  **he/she/it** + **-s** | I **work**  he **works**  I **go**  he **goes** |
| [Present Progressive](http://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/grammar/pres_pro.htm) | **now at the moment Look!  Listen!** | something is happening at the same time of speaking or around it  future meaning: when you have already **decided and arranged** to do it (a fixed plan, date) | **to be (am/are/is)** + **infinitive** + **-ing** | I'm **working** he's **working** I'm **going** he's **going** |
| [Simple Past](http://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/grammar/sim_past.htm) | **last ...  ... ago  in 1990 yesterday** | action took place in the past, mostly connected with an expression of time (no connection to the present) | regelmäßig: **infinitive** + -ed unregelmäßig:  **2. Spalte** | I **worked**  he **worked**  I **went**  he **went** |
| [Past Progressive](http://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/grammar/past_prog.htm) |  | an action happened in the middle of another action  -  someone was doing sth. at a certain time (in the past) - you don't know whether it was finished or not | **was/were** + **infinitive** + **-ing** | I **was** **working**  he **was** **working**  I **was** **going**  he **was** **going** |
| [Simple Present Perfect](http://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/grammar/pres_perf.htm) | **yet never ever  already  so far,  up to now, zum Teil: since  for  recently** | you say that sth. has happened or is finished in the past and it has a connection to the present  action started in the past and continues up to the present | **have/has** +  **past participle (infinitive + -ed) oder**  **(3. Spalte)** | I**'ve** **worked**  he**'s** **worked**  I**'ve** **gone**  he**'s** **gone** |
| [Present Perfect Progressive](http://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/grammar/pres_perf_pro.htm) |  | **emphasis: length of time of an action**  action began in the past and has just stopped  how long the action has been happening | **have/has** + **been** + **infinitive** + **-ing** | I**'ve** been **working**  he**'s been** **working**  I**'ve been** **going**  he**'s been** **going** |
| [Simple Past Perfect](http://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/grammar/past_perfect.htm) |  | 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  the past of the Present Perfect | **had** + **past participle** (**infinitive** + **-ed**) oder  **(3. Spalte)** | I **had** **worked**  he **had** **worked**  I **had** **gone** he **had** **gone** |
| [will - future](http://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/grammar/will_fut.htm) |  | predictions about the future (you think that sth. will happen)  you decide to do sth. spontaneously at the time of speaking, you haven't made a decision before  main clause in if clause type I | **will** + **infinitive** | I**'ll** **work** he**'ll** **work**  I**'ll** **go**  he**'ll** **go** |
| [going to - future](http://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/grammar/going_to.htm) |  | when you have already decided to do sth. in the future  what you think what will happen | **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** |