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- Rule #10 -

➤ Verb Tenses

Verbs have three tenses: past, present and future.

The past tense describes things that have already happened e.g., earlier today, yesterday, last week, or three years ago.

The present tense describes things that are happening or in progress.

The future tense describes things that have not yet happened e.g., later, tomorrow, next week, next year, in three years.

Future Tense

In grammar, the future tense is the verb form you use to discuss things that haven't happened yet. When you say, "The party is going to be so much fun!" "will" is in the future tense. You use the future tense whenever you write or talk about things you expect to happen later.

They are further divided into the following tenses:

1. Simple Future:

The future simple is a verb tense used to talk about things that have not yet happened.

Use the simple future tense to talk about an action or condition that will begin and end in the future.

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The formula for the simple future is will + [root form of verb].

Example:

- I will learn a new skill.
- she will read that book tomorrow.
- My brothers will work till noon.
- You will see them soon.

2. Future Perfect

The future perfect is a verb tense used for actions that will be completed before some other point in the future. The future tense is to talk about an action that will be completed between now and some point in the future. The formula for the future perfect tense is pretty simple: will have + [past participle]. It doesn't matter if the subject of your sentence is singular or plural.

Example:

- I'll write the e-mail after lunch.
- I'll see you tomorrow.
- You'll get the answer by post.
- At six o'clock I will have left.

3. Future Continuous:

Future continuous is a verb form that shows an action taking place over a specific period of time in the future. The future continuous can be confusing because it sometimes seems interchangeable with other future tenses. Future continuous, also called future progressive, is a verb form

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that indicates continued action in the future. It is the future version of the present, using a similar construction.

The future continuous tense is formed with the words will and be plus the present participle of the actionable verb. Unlike most other verb tenses, you do not need to conjugate any verbs to match person, number, or gender.

[will] + [be] + [present participle of verb]

Examples:

- I will be watching my shows from lunch until dinner.
- They will be promoting me to a manager on Friday.
- I will be helping my mother to make breakfast.

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