



TENSE	PRESENT	PAST	FUTURE
SIMPLE	verb/verb+s is/am/are	second form (regular or irregular)	will+ verb
CONTINUOUS	am /is/ are verb +ing	was/were +verb+ing	willbe + verb +ing
PERFECT	has/have + the third form	had+ third form	will have + third form
PERFECT CONTINUOUS	has/have been+ verb +ing	had been + verb +ing	will have been + verb +ing

Common English Tenses



Present Tenses

PRESENT TENSE

PARTS	Structure	Examples
Present Simple/Indefinite	S + V + Obj	1. I go. 2. He goes.
Present Continuous	S + is/am/are + V(ing) + Obj	1. I am going. 2. She is going.
Present Perfect	S + has/ have + V3 + Obj	1. They have gone. 2. She has gone.
Present Perfect Continuous	S + has/have + been + V(ing) + Obj	1. They have been going 2. She has been going.

Present Simple

Use: To express general facts, habits, or routines.

Structure: Subject + base verb (add -s for he/she/it).

Example: She reads books every evening.
Water boils at 100°C.

Present Continuous

Use: For actions happening now or temporary situations.

Structure: Subject + am/is/are + verb(-ing).

Example:
They are watching TV right now.
I am learning English this month.





Use: To talk about actions that happened at an unspecified time in the past or still affect the present.

Structure: Subject + have/has + past participle.

Example: I have finished my homework.
She has visited London

Present Perfect



Past Tenses

Past Simple

Use: Completed actions in the past.

Structure: Subject + past tense verb.

Examples:

I watched a movie last night.

She visited her grandparents yesterday.

Past Continuous

Use: Actions that were in progress at a specific time in the past.

Structure: Subject + was/were + verb(-ing).

Examples:

I was reading a book at 8 PM.

They were walking in the park when it started raining.

PARTS	Structure	Examples
Past Simple/Indefinite	S + V2 + Obj	1. I went. 2. He went.
Past Continuous	S + was/were + V(ing) + Obj	1. I was going. 2. You were going.
Past Perfect	S + had + V3 + Obj	1. They had gone. 2. She had gone.
Past Perfect Continuous	S + had+ been + V(ing) + Obj	1. They had been going. 2. She had been going.

Past Perfect



Use: Actions that were completed before another past action or time.

Structure: Subject + had + past participle.

Examples:

I had eaten dinner before they arrived.

She had finished her homework by the time the movie started.



Future Tenses

Future Simple

Use: For decisions made at the moment or predictions about the future.

Structure: Subject + will + base verb.

Examples:

I will call you tomorrow.

It will rain next week.

Future Continuous

Use: Actions that will be ongoing at a specific time in the future.

Structure: Subject + will be + verb(-ing).

Examples:

This time tomorrow, I will be traveling to New York.

They will be working on the project at 3 PM.

PARTS	Structure	Examples
Future Simple/Indefinite	S + will + V + Obj	1. I will go. 2. He will go.
Future Continuous	S + will be + V(ing) + Obj	1. I will be going. 2. You will be going.
Future Perfect	S + will have + V3 + Obj	1. They will have gone. 2. She will have gone.
Future Perfect Continuous	S + will have been + V(ing) + Obj	1. They will have been going. 2. She will have been going.



Future perfect



Future Perfect

Use: Actions that will be completed before a certain time in the future.

Structure: Subject + will have + past participle.

Examples:

By next year, she will have graduated from university.

I will have finished the book by tomorrow.

Future Perfect Continuous

Use: Actions that will have been ongoing up to a specific time in the future.

Structure: Subject + will have been + verb(-ing).

Examples:

By 10 AM, we will have been running for an hour.

They will have been working on this project for six months by December.

