

	PAST		PRESENT		FUTURE	
	Usage	Example	Usage	Example	Usage	Example
SIMPLE	Describe an action already completed.	I <b>went</b> to Egypt in 1988. 	Express habits or general truth	I'm nineteen years old. 	Express an action or circumstance which hasn't taken place yet.	I <b>will eat</b> Japanese Food tomorrow. 
	Can be used with or without adverbs of time.	He <b>drank</b> his whiskey almost bottoms up. 	Describe a future event as part of a plan or arrangement	The plane <b>arrives</b> at 18.00 tomorrow. 		
CONTINUOUS	Express uncompleted action of the past	Everyone <b>was shouting</b> . 	Describe action going on at the time of speaking	They <b>are swimming</b> in the pool. 	Express what will be going on at some time in the future.	You'll <b>be missing</b> the sunshine once you're back in England. 
	Describe persistent habits of the past	They <b>were</b> always <b>quarrelling</b> . 	Express temporary action which may not be happening at the time of speaking	John's <b>driving</b> his father's car while his own car is in the workshop. 	Express planned events.	This time next week I <b>will be sun-bathing</b> in Bali. 
PERFECT	Describe a completed action of the past that happened before another event took place.	After he <b>had finished</b> work, he went straight home, 	Express past action which is not defined by a time of occurrence.	Teresa isn't at home. I think she <b>has gone</b> shopping. 	Express an action that will be complete before another event takes place.	By the time I finish this course, I <b>will have taken</b> ten tests. 
			Express an action which started in the past and has continued up until now.	She <b>has worked</b> in the bank for five years. 		
PERFECT CONTINUOUS	Describe an action in the past that began before a certain point in the past and continued up until that time.	She <b>had been working</b> at that company for three years when it went out of business. 	Express an action which started at some point in the past and may not be complete.	He <b>has been living</b> in Bangkok since he left school. 	Describe an action that will have happened for some time and will not be complete yet at a certain point in the future.	I <b>will have been watching</b> TV for 3 hours when you arrive. 