12 Tenses In English

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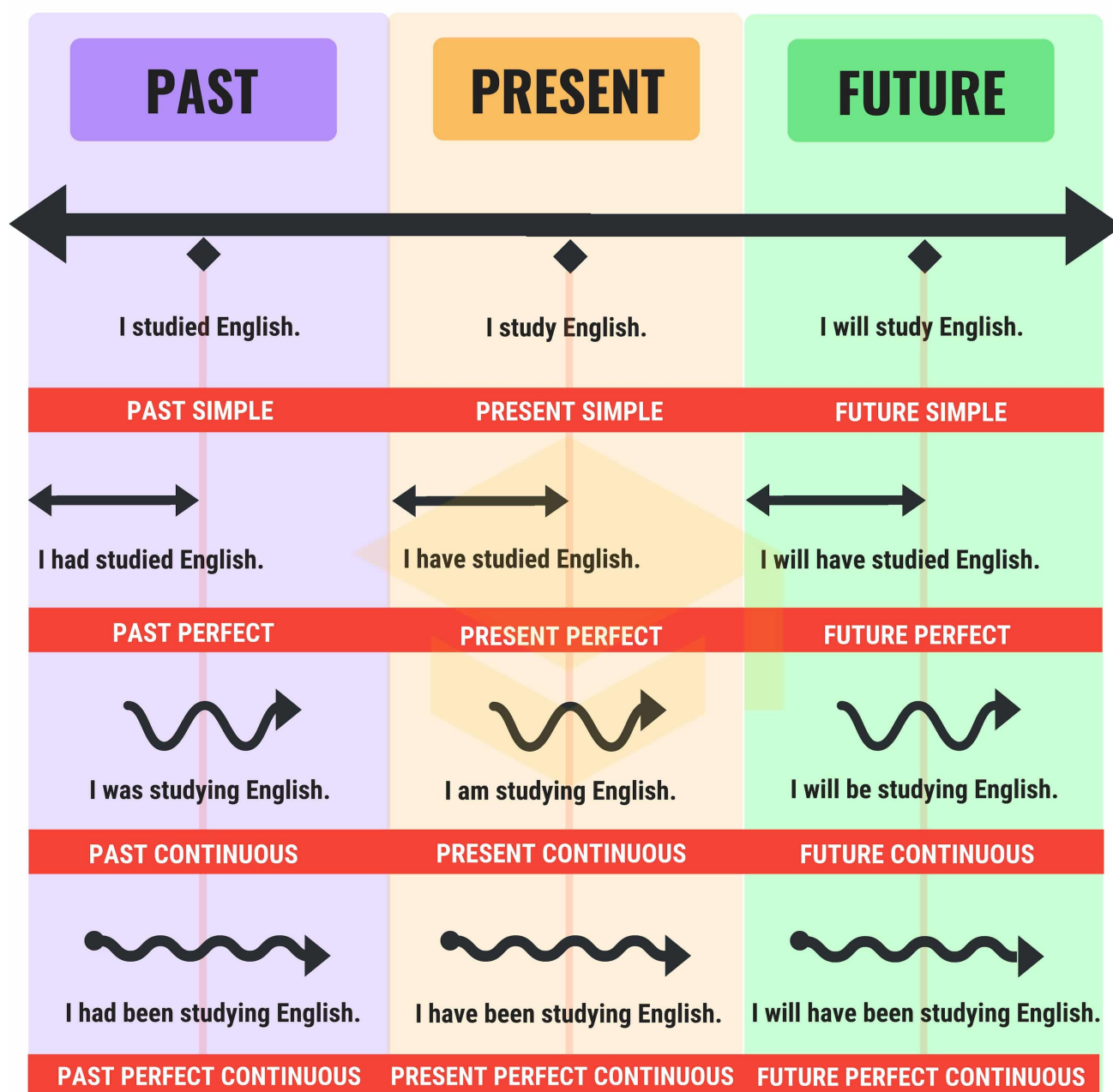
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CHAPTER 1 ──────────────────────────────────
                                        OVERVIEW

VERB TENSES IN ENGLISH

PAST	PRESENT	FUTURE

I studied English. | I study English. | I will study English.

PAST SIMPLE | **PRESENT SIMPLE** | **FUTURE SIMPLE**

I had studied English. | I have studied English. | I will have studied English.

PAST PERFECT | **PRESENT PERFECT** | **FUTURE PERFECT**

I was studying English. | I am studying English. | I will be studying English.

PAST CONTINUOUS | **PRESENT CONTINUOUS** | **FUTURE CONTINUOUS**

I had been studying English. | I have been studying English. | I will have been studying English.

PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS | **PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS** | **FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS**

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PAST TENSE	PRESENT TENSE	FUTURE TENSE
[now]	[now]	[now]
(one time) "I watched TV."	(in general) "I watch TV."	(one time) "I will watch TV."
PAST PROGRESSIVE	PRESENT PROGRESSIVE	FUTURE PROGRESSIVE
[now]	[now]	[now]
(for a length of time) "I was watching TV."	(at this time) "I am watching TV."	(during a certain time) "I will be watching TV."
PAST PERFECT	PRESENT PERFECT	FUTURE PERFECT
[now]	[now]	[now]
(before something else) "I had watched TV."	(sometimes) "I have watched TV."	(before something else) "I will have watched TV."
PAST PERFECT PROGRESSIVE	PRESENT PERFECT PROGRESSIVE	FUTURE PERFECT PROGRESSIVE
[now]	[now]	[now]
(before something else) "I had been watching TV."	(for a length of time) "I have been watching TV."	(when something else will happen) "I will have been watching TV."

CHAPTER 2 ─────────────────────────────
                                    ATTENTION!

1. Stative Verbs Are Not Used In Continous/Progressive Tenses

2. Past/Future Simple And Continous Need A Specific Time

3. The Perfect Tenses Emphasize The Result And Number Of Times An Action Is Performed

4. The Perfect Continous Tenses Emphasize The Continuity And Duration Of The Action

CONTINOUS TENSES
MAIN ACTION

CONTINOUS TENSES
BACKGROUND ACTION

MAIN ACTION   SIMPLE TENSES

CONTINOUS TENSES
INTERRUPTED ACTION

SIMPLE TENSES   MAIN ACTION

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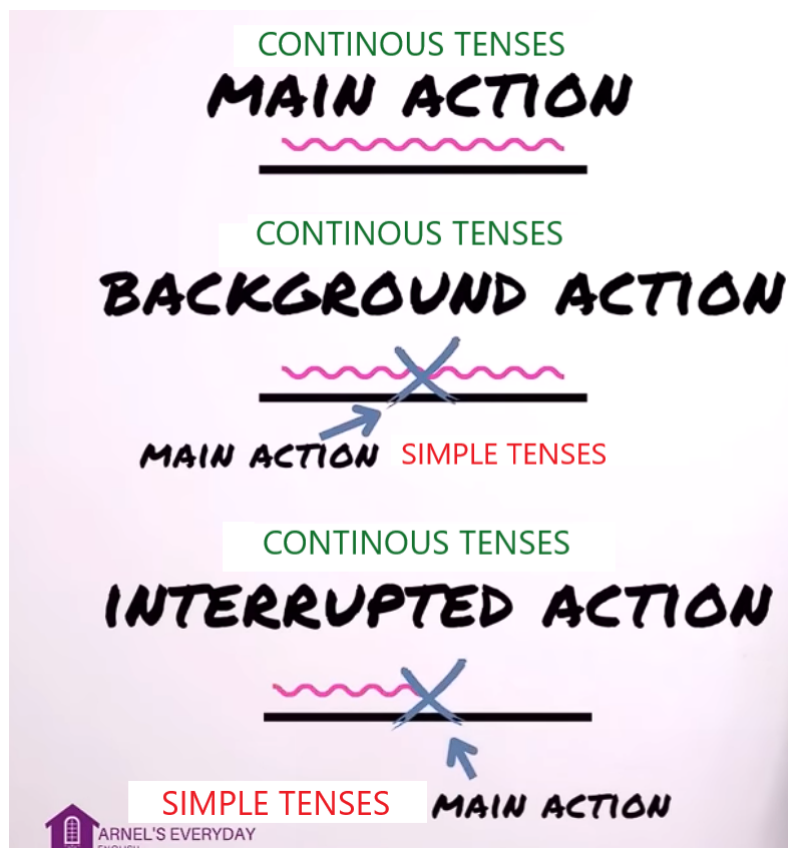
CHAPTER 3 ──────────────────────────────────┐
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└── PAST

3.1 Past Simple

Structure

(+)	S + V_2 + O
(−)	S + Did + Not + V + O
(?)	Did + S + V + O?
(+)	S + BE + O
(−)	S + BE + Not + O
(?)	BE + S + O?

Usage

1. Actions That Started And Finished In The Past

3.2 Past Continous

Structure

(+)	S + BE + V_{ing} + O
(−)	S + BE + Not + V_{ing} + O
(?)	BE + S + V_{ing} + O?

Usage

1. Actions That Were Continuing In The Past

2. Parallel Actions

3.3 Past Perfect

Structure

(+) | S + Had + V₃ + O
(−) | S + Had + Not + V₃ + O
(?) | Had + S + V₃ + O?

(+) | S + Had + Been + O
(−) | S + Had + Not + Been + O
(?) | Had + S + Been + O?

Usage

1. Actions That Started And Lasted Or Finished Before Another Action In The Past

2. Actions Has Already Occurred But The Result Is Still Relevant To The Present

3.4 Past Perfect Continous

Structure

(+) | S + Had + Been + V$_{ing}$ + O
(−) | S + Had + Not + Been + V$_{ing}$ + O
(?) | Had + S + Been + V$_{ing}$?

Usage

1. Actions That Started And Lasted Or Finished Before Another Action In The Past

2. Actions Has Already Occurred But The Result Is Still Relevant To The Present

CHAPTER 4 ─────────────────────────

                                    PRESENT

4.1 Present Simple

Structure

(+) | S + V_1 + O
(−) | S + Do/Does + V + O
(?) | Do/Does + S + V + O?
(+) | S + BE + O
(−) | S + BE + Not + O
(?) | BE + S + O?

Usage

1. General Facts

2. Regular Actions

3. Schedules

4.2 Present Continous

Structure

(+) | S + BE + V_{ing} + O
(−) | S + BE + Not + V_{ing} + O
(?) | BE + S + V_{ing} + O?

Usage

1. Continuing Actions (Now)

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2. One-Time Actions

3. Repeated Actions That Make Discomfort

4. Definitely-Impending Actions In The Near Future

4.3 Present Perfect

Structure

(+) | S + Have/Has + V$_3$ + O
(−) | S + Have/Has + Not + V$_3$ + O
(?) | Have/Has + S + V$_3$ + O?
(+) | S + Have/Has + Been + O
(−) | S + Have/Has + Not + Been + O
(?) | Have/Has + S + Been + O?

Usage

1. Actions That Started In The Past, Continue Into The Present And Can Continue Into The Future

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2. General Life Experience

3. Actions Just Happened

4. In-Past Actions But Important At Speaking Moment

4.4 Present Perfect Continous

Structure

(+) | S + Have/Has + Been + V$_{ing}$ + O
(−) | S + Have/Has + Not + Been + V$_{ing}$ + O
(?) | Have/Has + S + Been + V$_{ing}$ + O?

Usage

1. Actions That Started In The Past And Still Continue In The Present

CHAPTER 5 _____

FUTURE

5.1 Future Simple

Structure

(+) | S + Will + V + O
(−) | S + Will + Not + V + O
(?) | Will + S + V + O?
(+) | S + Will + be + O
(−) | S + Will + Not + be + O
(?) | Will + S + be + O?

Usage

1. Actions In The Future

5.2 Future Continuous

Structure

(+) | S + Will + be + V_{ing} + O
(−) | S + Will + Not + be + V_{ing} + O
(?) | Will + S + be + V_{ing} + O?

Usage

1. Actions Will Be Happening In The Future

5.3 Future Perfect

Structure

(+)	S + Will + Have + V_3 + O
(−)	S + Will + Not + Have + V_3 + O
(?)	Will + S + Have + V_3 + O?
(+)	S + Will + Have + Been + O
(−)	S + Will + Not + Have + Been + O
(?)	Will + S + Have + Been + O?

Usage

1. Ations That Completed Before Another Action In The Future

5.4 Future Perfect Continous

Structure

(+)	S + Will + Have + Been + V_{ing} + O
(−)	S + Will + Not + Have + Been + V_{ing} + O
(?)	Will + S + Have + Been + V_{ing} + O?

Usage

1. Actions That Completed Before Another Action In The Future