

Regular verbs

The simple tenses

- The verb forms for **I**, **you**, **we** and **they** are the same.
- The verb forms for **he**, **she** and **it** are the same.

The present simple

I look	do I look?	I do not look (don't look)
he looks	does he look?	he does not look (doesn't look)

- When the verb ends in a **consonant + -y**, the third person singular (he/she/it) is formed by removing the **-y** and adding **-ies** (study – studies).
- When the verb ends in **-ch, -sh, -s, -x, -z** or **-o**, the third person singular is formed by adding **-es** (watch – watches).

The past simple

I looked	did I look?	I did not look (didn't look)
he looked	did he look?	he did not look (didn't look)

- When the verb ends in **-e**, the past simple is formed by adding **-d** (care – cared).
- When the verb ends in a **consonant + -y**, the past simple is formed by removing the **-y** and adding **-ied** (study – studied).
- When the verb ends in **one stressed vowel and one consonant** (except *w* or *y*), the past simple is usually formed by **doubling the consonant** and adding **-ed** (refer – referred). When the verb ends in **-l** it is doubled in British English even if the vowel is not stressed (travel – travelled (*BrE*) / traveled (*NAmE*)). (Exceptions to these rules are shown at the verb entries.)
- When the verb ends in **-c**, the past simple is formed by adding **-ked** (picnic – picnicked).

The present perfect *have/has + past participle*

I have looked (I've looked)	have I looked?	I have not looked (haven't looked)
he has looked (he's looked)	has he looked?	he has not looked (hasn't looked)

The past perfect (pluperfect) *had + past participle*

I had looked (I'd looked)	had I looked?	I had not looked (hadn't looked)
he had looked (he'd looked)	had he looked?	he had not looked (hadn't looked)

The future simple *will + infinitive*

I will look (I'll look)	will I look?	I will not look (won't look)
he will look (he'll look)	will he look?	he will not look (won't look)

The future perfect *will have + past participle*

I will have looked (I'll have looked)	will I have looked?	I will not have looked (won't have looked)
he will have looked (he'll have looked)	will he have looked?	he will not have looked (won't have looked)

The conditional *would + infinitive*

I would look (I'd look)	would I look?	I would not look (wouldn't look)
he would look (he'd look)	would he look?	he would not look (wouldn't look)

The conditional perfect *would have + past participle*

I would have looked	would I have looked?	I would not have looked (wouldn't have looked)
he would have looked	would he have looked?	he would not have looked (wouldn't have looked)

The progressive tenses

- The **PROGRESSIVE TENSES** are sometimes called the **CONTINUOUS TENSES**.
- The verb forms for **I, you, we** and **they** are the same except for the present progressive and past progressive, where a different form for **you, we** and **they** is shown with an asterisk (*).
- The verb forms for **he, she** and **it** are the same.
- When the verb ends in **-e**, the **-ing** form is usually formed by removing the **-e** and adding **-ing** (care – caring). Exceptions are shown at the relevant verb entries.
- When the verb ends in **one stressed vowel and one consonant** (except *w* or *y*), the **-ing** form is formed by **doubling the consonant** and adding **-ing** (run – running).

The present progressive *am/is/are + -ing* form

I am looking (I'm looking)	am I looking?	I am not looking (I'm not looking)
*you are looking (you're looking)	are you looking?	you are not looking (aren't looking)
he is looking (he's looking)	is he looking?	he is not looking (isn't looking)

The past progressive *was/were + -ing* form

I was looking	was I looking?	I was not looking (wasn't looking)
*you were looking	were you looking?	you were not looking (weren't looking)
he was looking	was he looking?	he was not looking (wasn't looking)

The present perfect progressive *have been/has been + -ing* form

I have been looking (I've been looking)	have I been looking?	I have not been looking (haven't been looking)
he has been looking (he's been looking)	has he been looking?	he has not been looking (hasn't been looking)

The past perfect progressive (pluperfect progressive) *had been + -ing* form

I had been looking (I'd been looking)	had I been looking?	I had not been looking (hadn't been looking)
he had been looking (he'd been looking)	had he been looking?	he had not been looking (hadn't been looking)

The future progressive *will be + -ing* form

I will be looking (I'll be looking)	will I be looking?	I will not be looking (won't be looking)
he will be looking (he'll be looking)	will he be looking?	he will not be looking (won't be looking)

The future perfect progressive *will have been + -ing* form

I will have been looking (I'll have been looking)	will I have been looking?	I will not have been looking (won't have been looking)
he will have been looking (he'll have been looking)	will he have been looking?	he will not have been looking (won't have been looking)

The conditional progressive *would be + -ing* form

I would be looking (I'd be looking)	would I be looking?	I would not be looking (wouldn't be looking)
he would be looking (he'd be looking)	would he be looking?	he would not be looking (wouldn't be looking)

The conditional perfect progressive *would have been + -ing* form

I would have been looking	would I have been looking?	I would not have been looking (wouldn't have been looking)
he would have been looking	would he have been looking?	he would not have been looking (wouldn't have been looking)