

# VERB TENSES

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PAST SIMPLE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An action completed at a specific time in the past or in a series</li> <li>• An action completed in the past</li> <li>• where time is not mentioned</li> </ul> <p>I <b>worked</b> all day yesterday He <b>tripped, fell</b> and <b>broke</b> his arm The train <b>was</b> late</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PRESENT SIMPLE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Habits and routines</li> <li>• Things that are true in general, Facts, permanent situations, states</li> <li>• Commentaries, narratives, headlines</li> <li>• Future schedules</li> </ul> <p>I <b>go</b> to the cinema every Saturday I <b>live</b> in Florence He <b>shoots, he scores!</b> The plane <b>leaves</b> at eight.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FUTURE SIMPLE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Will” for spontaneous decisions, predictions, future uncertainties, future facts, threats, promises, offers, requests, refusal</li> <li>• “Going to” form for future intentions or near certainties</li> </ul> <p><b>You’ll love</b> this book! I’m tired –I’ll probably just <b>stay</b> at home <b>Will</b> you <b>help</b> me with my homework? <b>Are</b> you <b>going to be</b> at the party?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PAST PERFECT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An action completed in the past before another past action</li> <li>• To express a reason for a past state</li> </ul> <p>They got to the party at 10:00, but she <b>had</b> already <b>left</b>. I wanted to see <i>Spiderman</i>, but they <b>had</b> already <b>seen</b> it.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PRESENT PERFECT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An action that started in the past and continues to the present</li> <li>• An action that happened in the past and affects the present</li> <li>• An action that happened in the past at a non-specified time</li> </ul> <p>He <b>has lived</b> in Florence since 1997. Where <b>have I put</b> my keys? I <b>have read</b> that book three times.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FUTURE PERFECT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An action that will have been completed by a specific time in the future</li> </ul> <p>Next July, my parents <b>will have been</b> married thirty years. I’m sure I <b>will have forgotten</b> all this by the time I take the test.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PAST CONTINUOUS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An action in progress at a specific time in the past</li> <li>• An action in progress at a specific time in the past interrupted or stopped by another past action</li> <li>• To describe background information in a narrative</li> </ul> <p>What <b>were</b> you <b>doing</b> last night at eight? They <b>were sleeping</b> when the phone rang. The man <b>was wearing</b> a trench coat.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PRESENT CONTINUOUS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An action in progress at the time of speaking</li> <li>• Trends or currently developing situations</li> <li>• Future plans or personal arrangements</li> <li>• To emphasise frequent actions</li> </ul> <p>She can’t come to the phone – she’s <b>sleeping</b>. I’m <b>listening</b> to a lot of Miles Davis these days. <b>We’re going</b> to the beach this weekend. He’s always <b>complaining!</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FUTURE CONTINUOUS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An action in progress around a point in the future</li> <li>• To predict the future –what may be happening</li> <li>• For polite enquiries about other’s plans</li> </ul> <p>Don’t call me at eight - I’ll <b>be watching</b> <i>Eastenders</i>. <b>We’ll be driving spaceships</b> by 2050. <b>Will</b> you <b>be joining</b> us for dinner?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emphasises the continuous or repeated nature of an action completed in the past before another past action</li> <li>• To explain the reason for a past state emphasising the duration of the action</li> </ul> <p>She <b>hadn’t been paying</b> attention when the teacher asked her a question. They <b>had been studying</b> all day so they were too tired to go out.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emphasises the continuous or repeated nature of an action completed in the past and continues to the present</li> <li>• Emphasises the continuous or repeated nature of an action completed in the past and affects the present</li> </ul> <p>I’m tired – I’ve <b>been studying</b> all afternoon. Their house is a wreck; they’ve <b>been painting</b> it since last weekend.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To describe how long something will have been happening by a certain time in the future</li> </ul> <p>By next Autumn, I <b>will have been working</b> here for twenty years. Next month I <b>will have been living</b> here for ten years and I still don’t speak the language!</p>