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# ***12 Tenses In English Grammar***

*English tenses can be helpful in learning English language from the scratch. There are three main types of tenses which give an idea of the time when the incident mentioned in a statement takes place.*

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# ENGLISH TENSES

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## PRESENT

Simple  
Continuous  
Perfect  
Perfect Continuous

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## PAST

Simple  
Continuous  
Perfect  
Perfect Continuous

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## FUTURE

Simple  
Continuous  
Perfect  
Perfect Continuous



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# PRESENT TENSE

## SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE

**Structure:** Base verb (+ es/es for third person):

**Example:** 1) I play game every day. 2) He studies in school.

## PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE

**Structure:** is/am/are + present participle:

**Example:** 1) I am playing game. 2) He is studying in college.

## PRESENT PERFECT TENSE

**Structure:** Has/have + past participle:

**Example:** I have finished my home work.

## PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE

**Structure:** Has/have + been + present participle:

**Example:**

1) I have been finishing my home work for the last two hours.

2) He has been studying in school since his childhood.



# PAST TENSE

## SIMPLE PAST TENSE

**Structure:** Verb+ed or irregular verb:

**Example:** 1) You played the game. 2) He read the newspaper.

## PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

**Structure:** Was/were + present participle:

**Example:** 1) I was reading newspaper. 2) He was going to Karachi.

## PAST PERFECT TENSE

**Structure:** Had + past participle:

**Example:** 1) I had finished my home work. 2) He had completed his task.

## PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE

**Structure:** Had + been + past participle:

**Example:** 1) I had been finishing my home work for 50 minutes.  
2) He had been playing game since morning.



# FUTURE TENSE

## SIMPLE FUTURE TENSE

**Structure:** Will/shall+verb

**Example:** 1) I shall go to my home town. 2) He will complete his task.

## FUTURE CONTINUOUS TENSE

**Structure:** Will be + present participle

Am/is/are + going to be + present participle:

**Example:** I will be watching the news at 9pm. / I am going to be watching the news at 9pm.

## FUTURE PERFECT TENSE

**Structure:** Will have + past participle

Am/is/are + going to have + past participle

**Example:** I will have played the game. / I am going to have played the game.

## FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE

**Structure:** Will have been + present participle

Am/is/are + going to have been + present participle:

**Example:** I will have been watching the news for over ten minutes before you join me. / I am going to have been watching the news for over ten minutes before you join me.



# TENSES TABLE

<b>PAST</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>FUTURE</b>
<b>Simple Past</b>	<b>Simple Present</b>	<b>Simple Future</b>
<b>The action that takes place once, never or several times</b>		
He played a game every Sunday.	He plays a game every Sunday.	He will / is going to play the game every Sunday.
<b>Actions that happen one after another</b>		
He played a game and then he took bath.	He plays football and then he takes bath.	He will play football and then he will take bath.
<b>State</b>		
He loved yoga.	He loves yoga.	He will love yoga.
<b>Past Continuous/ Past Progressive</b>	<b>Present Continuous/ Present Progressive</b>	<b>Future Continuous/ Future Progressive</b>
<b>Action going on at that moment</b>		
He was playing the game.	He is playing a game.	He will be playing a game.
<b>Actions that are taking place at the same time</b>		
He was playing a game and she was watching TV.	He is playing a game and she is watching.	He will be playing a game and she will be watching TV.
<b>Past Perfect Simple</b>	<b>Present Perfect Simple</b>	<b>Future Perfect Simple</b>
<b>Action taking place before a certain moment in time; shows completion/result</b>		
He had won two matches until that day.	He has won two matches so far.	He will have won two matches by then.
<b>Past Perfect Continuous</b>	<b>Present Perfect Continuous</b>	<b>Future Perfect Continuous</b>
<b>Action taking place before a certain moment in time and beyond that time, emphasizes on the duration</b>		
He had been playing a game for ten years.	He has been playing a game for ten years.	He will have been playing a game for ten years.