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# **Tenses in English:**

In English, Verbs are mainly used to represent Past, Present, and Future actions or states of an event. When verbs are changed with respect to time, such verbs are called Tenses. The right usage of tenses makes the context of the passage correct and distinct.

Tenses Chart Rules/Formulas				
Tenses	Present	Past	Future	
Simple	V1 or V1 + s/es  Is/Am/Are	V2	Will + Verb	
Continuous	Is/Am/Are	Was/Were	Will be	
	+	+	+	
	V1+ing	V1+ing	V+ing	
Perfect	Has/ Have	Had	Will have	
	+	+	+	
	V3	V3	V3	
Perfect Continuous	Has/Have been	Had been	Will have been	
	+	+	+	
	V1+ing	V1+ing	V+ing	
	+	+	+	
	Since/For	Since/For	Since/For	

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## **Tenses Types In English:**

In English Grammar there are three different types of tenses in English. They are as follows,

- Present Tense
- Past Tense
- Future Tense

These above three tenses are further classified into four sub types. So, there are 12 tenses in English Grammar.

Tenses Types In English					
Tenses	Present	Past	Future		
Simple	Simple Present	Simple Past	Simple Future		
Continuous	Present Continuous	Past Continuous	Future Continuous		
Perfect	Present Perfect	Past Perfect	Future Perfect		
Perfect Continuous	Present Perfect Continuous	Past Perfect Continuous	Future Perfect Continuous		

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# **Tenses Types And Examples:**

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Tenses	Types	Examples		
Present Tense	Simple Present Tense	She writes a letter.		
	Perfect Present Tense	She has written a letter.		
	Continuous Present Tense	She is writing a letter.		
	Perfect Continuous Present Tense	She has been writing a letter since yesterday.		
Past Tense	Simple Past Tense	She wrote a letter.		
	Perfect Past Tense	She had written a letter.		
	Continuous Past Tense	She was writing a letter.		
	Perfect Continuous Past Tense	She had been writing the letter since morning.		
Future Tense	Simple Future Tense	She will write a letter.		
	Perfect Future Tense	She will have written a letter.		
	Continuous Future Tense	She will be writing a letter.		
	Perfect Continuous Future Tense	She will have been writing the letter at 8 am tomorrow.		

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## **Verbs Forms With Examples:**

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Base Form	Past Form	Past Participle		
V1	V2	V3		
arise	arose	arisen		
bite	bit	bitten		
burn	burnt	burnt		
cut	cut	cut		
drink	drank	drunk		

## **Tenses Types And Definition:**

### **Present Tense**

The Present tense is defined as the form of a verb that expresses an action or event that is currently occurring or happening in the present moment. The tense chart of the Present Tense is discussed below.

## **Types of Present Tense**

There are four types of Present Tense in English Grammar. They are

- 1) Simple Present Tense
- 2) Present Continuous Tense

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- 3) Present Perfect Tense
- 4) Present Perfect Continuous Tense

### 1) Simple Present Tense

#### Rule/Formula

Subject + Verb (Base Form)/ Third Person Plural Form + Object

### **Examples:**

- He goes to the gym.
- We live in Australia.
- Kavita writes a letter.

#### 2) Present Continuous Tense

### Rule/Formula

Subject + Helping Verb (am/is/are) + Main Verb + ing + Object

### **Examples:**

- She is reading a book.
- I am studying.
- Kamala is singing a song.

### 3) Present Perfect Tense

#### Rule/Formula

Subject + Helping Verb (have/has) + Past Participle of Main Verb + Object

### **Examples:**

- You have played well.
- She has read story books.
- They have watched these cartoons.

### 4) Present Perfect Continuous Tense

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#### Rule/Formula

Subject + Have/Has + Been + Verb + ing + Object

### **Examples:**

- You have been playing all day.
- I have been working on this project.
- She has been reading story books.

### **Past Tense**

The Past tense is defined as the form of a verb that expresses an action or event that already happened or occurred in the past. The tense chart of the Past Tense is discussed below.

### **Types of Past Tense**

There are four types of Past Tense in English Grammar. They are

- 1) Simple Past Tense
- 2) Past Continuous Tense
- 3) Past Perfect Tense
- 4) Past Perfect Continuous Tense

### 1) Simple Past Tense

#### Rule/Formula

Subject + Verb+ed/ Verb in Past Tense (V2) + Object

### **Examples:**

- We lived in Australia.
- He went to the gym.
- Kamala sang a song.

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### 2) Past Continuous Tense

### Rule/Formula

Subject + Helping Verb (was/were) + Main Verb + ing + Object

### **Examples:**

- We were going to Australia.
- He was going to the gym.
- Kamala was singing a song.

#### 3) Past Perfect Tense

#### Rule/Formula

Subject + Helping Verb (had) + Past Participle of Main Verb(V3) + Object

### **Examples:**

- We had gone to Australia.
- He had gone to the gym.
- Kamala had sung a song.

### 4) Past Perfect Continuous Tense

#### Rule/Formula

Subject + Had + been + Verb + ing + Object

### **Examples:**

- We had been visiting Australia.
- He had been going to the gym.
- Kamala had been singing a song.

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### **Future Tense**

The Future tense is defined as the form of a verb that expresses an action or event that has not yet happened or is expected to happen or occur in the future. The tense chart of the Future Tense is discussed below.

### **Types of Future Tense**

There are four types of Future Tense in English Grammar. They are

- 1) Simple Future Tense
- 2) Future Continuous Tense
- 3) Future Perfect Tense
- 4) Future Perfect Continuous Tense

### 1) Simple Future Tense

#### Rule/Formula

Subject + will/shall + Verb (V1)+ Object

### **Examples:**

- We shall live in Australia.
- He will go to the gym.
- Kamala will sing a song.

### 2) Future Continuous Tense

### Rule/Formula

Subject + will/shall + be + Verb + ing + Object

### **Examples:**

- We shall be going to Australia.
- He will be going to yoga class.
- Kamala will be singing a song.

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### 3) Future Perfect Tense

### Rule/Formula

Subject + will/shall + have + Verb (V3)+ Object

### **Examples:**

- We shall have left Australia.
- He will have gone to the gym.
- Kamala will have sung a song.

### 4) Future Perfect Continuous Tense

#### Rule/Formula

Subject + will/shall + have + been + Verb + ing + Object

### **Examples:**

- We shall have been going to Australia.
- He will have been going to the gym.
- Kamala will have been singing a song.

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