

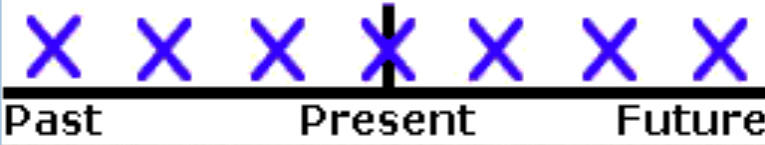



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VERB TENSES

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Present Tenses

TENSE	USE	TIMELINE	EXAMPLE
Present Simple	Habitual actions / states		Birds <u>usually</u> nest in trees.
Present Continuous	Actions happening now		You are <u>now</u> reading this.
Present Perfect	Achievements		I have passed all my tests so far.
Present Perfect Continuous	Actions starting in the past until now		You have been studying English <u>for</u> the past 25 years.


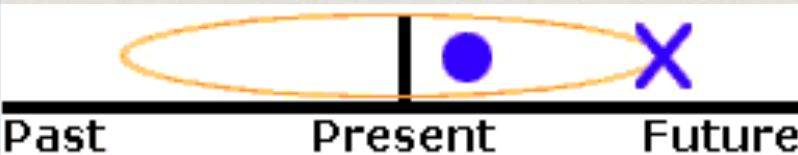

Future Simple Tenses

TENSE	USE	TIMELINE	EXAMPLE(S)
Will	Promises Predictions w/o evidence One-time events Instant Decisions Conditional I Requests/Commands Offers		I will always love you. Tomorrow will be great. The concert will start at 8PM. The phone's ringing, I'll get it. If she asks, I'll tell her. Will you be quiet? Shall I help you? / I'll help you.
Going to	Plans/Intentions + Predictions with Evidence		<u>Look!</u> That tree is going to fall.
Present Continuous	Arrangements + Sure Predictions / Promises		I am getting married this coming weekend.
Present Simple	Public Scheduled Events + Conditional 0		The flight departs at 7AM. If you heat water, it boils.

Past Tenses

TENSE	USE	TIMELINE	EXAMPLE(S)
Past Simple	Expresses that something happened at a specific time in the past		We ate out there <u>last night</u> . <u>Then</u> , my car broke down.
Past Continuous	Longer past actions interrupted		At 7 AM, I was having a shower. Someone rang while I was studying.
Past Perfect	Expresses something happened before a specific point in the past		When I got home, the thieves had already left.
Past Perfect Continuous	Actions starting in the past up to a point in the present		By the time I got served, I had been waiting tin the queue <u>for</u> an hour.

Future Perfect Tenses

TENSE	USE	TIMELINE	EXAMPLE
Future Continuous	Long actions going on around a certain point in the future.		By this time tomorrow, I'll be lying on the beach.
Future Perfect	Events that will finish before some future time reference.		Within a decade, combustion engines will have disappeared.
Future Perfect Continuous	Actions starting in the past and going on up to some future time reference.		By next year, I will have been studying English <u>for</u> 25 years.

Worksheet

Final Notes

❖ Simple VS Continuous Tenses

- ❖ Please note that we cannot use state verbs (be, have, own...) with continuous tenses.
- ❖ To express continuous aspect (i.e. DURATION) with state verbs, we need to use the simple equivalent.
- ❖ For example:
 - ❖ ~~I am owing 5 euros.~~ → I owe 5 euros.
 - ❖ ~~I am seeing a tree.~~ → I can see a tree.
 - ❖ ~~It've been having my car for 2 years.~~ → I've had my car for 2 years.