

12 English Tenses

1. Past Simple

- Structure: Subject + past form of the verb
- Explanation: Describes actions that happened and finished in the past
- Example: They **played** football yesterday.

2. Past Continuous

- Structure: Subject + was/were + verb-ing
- Explanation: Describes actions that were ongoing in the past
- Example: He **was watching** a movie when the phone rang.

3. Past Perfect

- Structure: Subject + had + past participle
- Explanation: Describes actions completed before another past action
- Example: He **had left** by the time I arrived.

4. Past Perfect Continuous

- Structure: Subject + had + been + verb-ing
- Explanation: Describes actions started in the past and continued up until another past action
- Example: They **had been waiting** for hours when the bus finally arrived.

5. Present Simple

- Structure: Subject + base form of the verb (s/es for third-person singular)
- Explanation: Describes regular actions and facts
- Example: She **walks** to school every day.

6. Present Continuous

- Structure: Subject + am/is/are + verb-ing
- Explanation: Describes ongoing actions happening now
- Example: She **is studying** for her exams.

7. Present Perfect

- Structure: Subject + has/have + past participle
- Explanation: Describes actions that happened at an unspecified time before now
- Example: I **have visited** France three times.

8. Present Perfect Continuous

- Structure: Subject + has/have + been + verb-ing
- Explanation: Describes actions started in the past and still continuing
- Example: She **has been working** here for five years.

9. Future Simple

- Structure: Subject + will/shall + base form of the verb
- Explanation: Describes actions that will happen in the future
- Example: We **shall visit** the museum tomorrow.

10. Future Continuous

- Structure: Subject + will/shall + be + verb-ing
- Explanation: Describes actions that will be happening at a specific time in the future
- Example: They will be attending the meeting at 3pm.

11. Future Perfect

- Structure: Subject + will/shall + have + past participle
- Explanation: Describes actions that will be completed before a certain time in the future
- Example: By next year, I **shall have graduated**.

12. Future Perfect Continuous

- Structure: Subject + will/shall + have been + verb-ing
- Explanation: Describes actions that will continue up to a certain point in the future
- Example: By August, they **will have been working** on the project for six months.