

AET Formative work on Verb Tenses

Do you know your verb tenses with regular verbs? Some information.

Most **regular verbs** form their past tense by adding **-ed** to the present-tense form of the verb. Examples of this include walked, talked, and recalled. If a regular verb ends in "e," as in *bathe* or *wave*, simply add "d" to form the past tense. In addition to the present simple (which expresses action that is routine | (scientific)truth or timetables) tense, as in, "We remember that story," [that's the truth!] and the past (expresses an action that has already happened at a specific past date or idea) tense, as in, "We remembered the story granny used to tell us," there are other verb tenses that you should know.

Following are definitions and some examples of these additional verb tenses:

Present Perfect: expresses action that was completed at some other time, or action that started in the past and continues in the present. Add *has* or *have* [to convey the idea of present] to the *past participle* form of the verb [to convey the idea of past] to make the present perfect. *I have climbed that small mountain every weekend since last April. >>> I started climbing last April and I go on climbing the mountain at the present time.*

Past Perfect: expresses action that happened before another past action. Add *had* to the *past participle* form of the verb. *We had walked up that hill before they did.*

Future Simple: expresses action that will happen in the future at an unknown time. *I will walk with you soon.*

Future Perfect: expresses action that will be completed by a given time in the future. Add *shall have* or *will have* to the *past participle*. *I will have reached school by then.*

Activity: selecting the correct verb tense

Underline, or click (if online) the correct verb in each sentence. You may find irregular verbs in some sentences.

1. The commercial was (air | aired) five times last night.
2. Can you tell me if the forensics students have (review | had reviewed | reviewed) the evidence?
3. Each of the carpenters has (help | helped | have helped) with this project since its beginning.

4. Were these models (suppose | supposed | had supposed) to be here this early?
5. Many of these windows (needed | has needed | need) a thorough washing every month.
6. The chef (slice | sliced | have sliced) the roast beef early this morning.
7. We were (imagine | imagining | imagined) what you were doing at that same time.
8. Some of the newspapers (has been moved | have been moved) to the recycling bin.
9. Will our brother (invite | invited | shall invite) Mina to this year's prom?
10. Vector and his rock band (had sanged | sang | had sung) at that festival last August.
11. Just checking: Have most of these light bulbs (replaced | been replaced | were replaced) during this past school year?
12. Yesterday when we went for a walk, we noticed the ducks that are in the pond behind my teacher's house were (quacking | quacked | quack) quite loudly.
13. Our insurance manager (has been reviewing | review | reviews) our policy for several hours.
14. Joe (fell | had fallen | will have fallen) on that slippery floor two days ago.
15. Charlotte (has been painting | have painted | will have painted) portraits for several years now.

