

TENSES

PRESENT SIMPLE

1st form / he, she, it + s // they go, he goes

It's used with habits and general statements

Keywords: **always, often, usually, every, never, generally, seldom, rarely, hardly ever, sometimes, normally**

PRESENT PROGRESSIVE

am / is / are + verb + ing // I am going

It's used when something is happening at the moment.

Key words: **look, listen, now, at the moment**

PAST SIMPLE

2nd form // he went, they played

It's used to tell or talk about a past action.

Keywords: **yesterday, last, ago, in 1970**

PAST PROGRESSIVE

was / were + ing form // he was going

It's used to tell or talk about a long action in the past.

Key words: **while, when**

WILL/FUTURE

will + 1st form (N.: won't) // he will be, she will go

It's used to talk about the future.

Key words: **tomorrow, next**

GOING TO FUTURE

am / is / are + going to + verb

He is going to play tennis tomorrow.

It's used to talk about a future action that is planned.

Key words: **tomorrow, next**

PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE

have/has + 3rd form // she has gone

It's used when a past action started in the past and has just finished or is still happening.

Keywords: **already, just, ever, never, yet, for, since**

PRESENT PERFECT PROGRESSIVE

have / has + been + ing form // he has been going

It's used like the simple form, but only with long actions.

Key words: **how long, all day, for, since**

PAST PERFECT SIMPLE

had + 3rd form // she had gone

It's used when an action happened before another action.

PAST PERFECT PROGRESSIVE

had been + ing form // he had been going

It's used like the simple form, but only with long actions.

Key words: **after, before**

Key words: **how long, before, after**

TENSES 1

Present tense: They **invite** Linda to the party.
N: They **don't** (do not) **invite** Linda to the party.
Q: **Do they invite** Linda to the party?

Past tense: They **invited** Linda to the party.
N: They **didn't** (did not) **invite** Linda to the party.
Q: **Did they invite** Linda to the party?

Future: They **will invite** Linda to the party.
N: They **will not** (won't) **invite** Linda to the party
Q: **Will they invite** Linda to the party?

Present perfect: They **have invited** Linda to the party.
N: They **haven't** (have not) **invited** Linda to the party.
Q: **Have they invited** Linda to the party?

Present tense: They **are** happy.
N: They **aren't** (are not) happy.
Q: **Are they** happy?

Past tense: They **were** happy.
N: They **weren't** (were not) happy.
Q: **Were they** happy?

Future: They **will be** happy.
N: They **will not** (won't) **be** happy.
Q: **Will they be** happy?

Present perfect: They **have been** happy.
N: They **haven't** (have not) **been** happy.
Q: **Have they been** happy?

TENSES 2

Present tense: He **leaves** in the afternoon.
N: He **doesn't** (does not) **leave** in the afternoon.
Q: **Does he leave** in the afternoon?

Pasttense: He **left** in the afternoon.
N: He **didn't** (did not) **leave** in the afternoon.
Q: **Did he leave** in the afternoon?

Future: He **will leave** in the afternoon.
N: He **will not** (won't) **leave** in the afternoon.
Q: **Will he leave** in the afternoon?

Presentperfect: He **has left** in the afternoon.
N: He **hasn't** (has not) **left** in the afternoon.
Q: **Has he left** in the afternoon?

Present tense: The children **play** tennis.
N: The children **don't** (do not) **play** tennis.
Q: **Do the children play** tennis?

Pasttense: The children **played** tennis.
N: The children **didn't** (did not) **play** tennis.
Q: **Did the children play** tennis?

Future: The children **will play** tennis.
N: The children **will not** (won't) **play** tennis.
Q: **Will the children play** tennis?

Presentperfect: The children **have played** tennis.
N: The children **haven't** (have not) **played** tennis.
Q: **Have the children played** tennis?

MIXED TENSES 1

Fill in the correct tenses.

1. Look! It _____ (snow) now.
2. She _____ (have) the flue last winter.
3. Last night I _____ (read) a book when suddenly I _____ (hear) a scream.
4. Carol _____ (already start) her new job.
5. Last week my rabbit _____ (run) away, and I _____ (find) it yet.
6. The teacher _____ (write) sentences on the board while the children _____ (fill) the gaps.
7. Water _____ (boil) at 100 degrees Celsius.
8. What _____ Peter _____ (do) at the moment? He _____ (have) a bath.
9. I _____ (go) to the theatre yesterday evening.
10. _____ you ever _____ (write) a letter to Sue? Yes, I _____ (write) her yesterday.
11. When I _____ (wait) for the bus, I _____ (see) an accident.
12. George often _____ (work) on Sundays.
13. _____ you _____ (do) your homework yet?
14. He _____ (have) a bad accident last evening.
15. Sandra _____ (get) a bad mark on her last maths test.
16. Tom _____ (repair) the car now.
17. Excuse me, _____ you _____ (speak) English?
18. Where _____ (be) Peggy? She _____ (leave) an hour ago.
19. I _____ (be) very nervous last Saturday because I _____ never _____ (fly) before.
20. How often _____ you _____ (play) tennis? I usually _____ (play) once a week.