

TENSES

PRESENT SIMPLE

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

It's used with habits and general statements

Key words: **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.

Key words: **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.

Key words: **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?
Past tense:	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?
Present perfect:	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?
Past tense:	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?
Present perfect:	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 flu 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.