



# VERB TENSES

## TENSE



# CLASSIFICATION





# Present Tense Chart

<b>Simple Present Tense</b>	Structure	Subj + V1 + Obj
	Example	I eat an apple
<b>Present Continuous Tense</b>	Structure	Subj+ Is/am/are + V1 + ing + Obj
	Example	I am eating an apple
<b>Present Perfect Tense</b>	Structure	Subj + Have/Has + V3 + Obj
	Example	I have eaten an apple
<b>Present Perfect Continuous Tense</b>	Structure	Subj + Has/Have + been + V1 + ing + Obj
	Example	I have been eating an apple



# PRESENT TENSE

Tense	Signal words	Use	Form	Examples affirmative	Examples negative	Examples interrogative
Simple Present	<b>every day</b> <b>sometimes</b> <b>always</b> <b>often</b> <b>usually</b> <b>seldom</b> <b>never</b> <b>first ... then</b>	something happens repeatedly how often something happens one action follows another things in general with the following verbs (to love, to hate, to think, etc.) future meaning: timetables, programmes	<b>Infinitive</b> he/she/it + <b>-s</b>	I <b>work</b> . He <b>works</b> . I <b>go</b> . He <b>goes</b> .	I <b>don't work</b> . He <b>doesn't work</b> . I <b>don't go</b> . He <b>doesn't go</b> .	<b>Do</b> I <b>work</b> ? <b>Does</b> he <b>work</b> ? <b>Do</b> I <b>go</b> ? <b>Does</b> he <b>go</b> ?

# PRESENT TENSE

## Present Simple

Subject + Verb\*\*\*\*(-s)

The present simple is used to express actions which take place in the present or which occur regularly. It also expresses general or absolute statements not connected to a specific time frame.

Jill speaks four languages fluently.

In the interrogative, the present is introduced by a form of the verb “to do” (“do / does“):

Does your father like to cook?

The appropriate form of the verb “to do” is also used for the negative:

No, he does not (doesn't) like to cook.

After the conjunctions “when,” “as soon as,” etc., the present is used, even though actions expressed may refer to the future:

He'll pay us as soon as we finish.



# PRESENT TENSE

## **Present Simple.**

### State Verbs

We usually use verbs that describe states, not actions, in the present simple.

These verbs describe:

thoughts\_: believe, know, remember, think (meaning 'believe'), feel (meaning 'believe'), suppose, etc.\_

feelings\_: love, like, hate, want, prefer, etc.\_

senses\_: smell, hear, taste, see, feel, touch\_

possession\_: have, belong, own, etc.\_

the verb "to be"

When "think" means 'to use your brain to plan something, solve a problem, make a decision', etc., it can be used in the continuous:

I'm thinking about what to do today. (I'm planning.)

When "feel" means 'to experience something physical or 'emotional', it can be used in the continuous:

I don't want to come to the party because I'm feeling tired.

Since  
(point of time)

Since 2 AM

Since Monday

Since January

Since 2011

Since + particular  
moments

(birthday, marriage)  
(birth, childhood, death)

For (period of time)

for + 

number
many
several
some
a couple of

 + 

hours
days
weeks
months
years
decades

for + long



Since  
morning, evening,  
.....

Since + sentence  
(Past Indefinite)

Since + time immemorial

Since + (past time)

# Past Tense Chart

<b>Simple Past Tense</b>	Structure	Subj + V2 + Obj
	Example	I ate an apple
<b>Past Continuous Tense</b>	Structure	Subj+ was/were + V1 + ing + Obj
	Example	I was eating an apple
<b>Past Perfect Tense</b>	Structure	Subj + had + V3 + Obj
	Example	I had eaten an apple
<b>Past Perfect Continuous Tense</b>	Structure	Subj + had + been + V1 + ing + Obj
	Example	I had been eating an apple



# Past Tense

Past Indefinite  
V2

Since + Sentence (point of time)

↓  
Past Indefinite

I have been sleeping since you ~~have left~~  
left. ✓

Joined ✓ Past Indefinite  
She has joined the class  
last month.

Sub + V2 + ...  
↑

Sentence  
(Past Indefinite) +

yesterday  
last night  
last week  
last month  
last year  
in + (year/month) → Past  
on + (day/date) → Past



(It's time)  
the class started

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## Past Indefinite

It's time + sentence  
It's high time (Sub + V2 + ...)

(We are late) + (This was to happen early)

Past continuous + when + Past Indefinite  
Past Indefinite + while + Past continuous

I was sleeping when <sup>It rained</sup> it was  
raining

Pankaj was sleeping in that room

Since when <sup>had -</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>been -</sup> Pankaj <sup>↑</sup> sleeping in that room?

had been



had + V3

They reached home before it started raining

They had reached

Sentence 1

Past Perfect

→

{  
before  
when  
by the time

+ Sentence 2

Past Indefinite

Past Perfect +  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{before} \\ \text{by} \end{array} \right]$  + time word  
(past)

Sub + had + V3 + ... before last month

They joined the team)   
 had joined ✓

# Future Tense Chart

<b>Simple Future Tense</b>	Structure	Subj + will/shall + V1 + Obj
	Example	I will eat an apple
<b>Future Continuous Tense</b>	Structure	Subj+ will/shall + be + V1 + ing + Obj
	Example	I shall be eating an apple
<b>Future Perfect Tense</b>	Structure	Subj + will/shall + have+ V3 + Obj
	Example	I shall have eaten an apple
<b>Future Perfect Continuous Tense</b>	Structure	Subj + will/shall + have + been + V1 + ing + Obj
	Example	I shall have been eating an apple



# Future Tense

If, as, as if, even if, as soon as,  
as long as, till, until, unless,  
provided, suppose, in case, before,  
when, while, after, by the time etc

\* Never use will/would/shall in  
a conditional sentence.

④ If he <sup>makes</sup> will make any plan,  
he will tell it to us.

# Future Perfect

will + have + V3 ✓

Sub + will + V1 + --- + by + time word  
before (future)

He will <sup>x</sup> start his family before 2030.  
will have started



will have reached

## Future Perfect

Jyoti will reach school before her father comes home  
↓  
P. I.

(Sub + will + have + V3 + ...)

Sentence 1 +

Future Perfect

by the time  
before  
when

+ Sentence 2

↓  
Present Indefinite