



Tenses: Notes

What are tenses?

- Tenses are **different verbal forms based on what time period the events mentioned in the sentence occurred, are occurring, or have occurred.**
- There are **12 basic tenses** in the English language

What are the types of tenses?

- Simple Present
- Present Progressive
- Present Perfect
- Present Perfect Progressive
- Simple Past
- Past Progressive
- Past Perfect
- Past Perfect Progressive
- Future: Will
- Future: Going to
- Future Progressive
- Future Perfect

How do you identify what the tense is?

- **Simple Present**
 - Happens **during the time it is said**
 - I **play** tennis a lot.
- **Present Progressive**
 - **Continuous action** in the present
 - Has -ing verb ending (Unless verb is irregular)
 - I am **playing** the piano right now.
- **Present Perfect**
 - Action has **recently been completed**
 - Usually included 'has' or 'have' and verb ends with -ed (Unless verb is irregular)
 - I **have** just **baked** some cookies.
- **Present Perfect Progressive**
 - **Continuous action** that has just is **yet to be completed**
 - Usually includes 'has been' or 'have been' and verb ends with -ing (Unless verb is irregular)
 - I **have been reading** for the last 4 hours.



- **Simple Past**
 - An action **done once in the past**
 - Usually ends in -ed (Unless verb is irregular)
 - I liked that movie.
- **Past Progressive**
 - A **continuous action in the past**
 - Usually included 'was' or 'were' and verb ends with -ing (Unless verb is irregular)
 - I was cooking dinner yesterday.
- **Past Perfect**
 - Something **completed before a point in the past**
 - Courtney was glad that she had packed a swimsuit for the trip.
- **Past Perfect Progressive**
 - An **action in the past continued until a time in the past**
 - She had been playing the guitar for 6 years before she played her first show.
- **Future: Will**
 - Used to say an action that a person **will do or thinks will happen in the future**
 - Yes, I will marry you!
- **Future: Going to**
 - To express something that **will happen in the near future**
 - I'm going to take my cat to the vet tomorrow
- **Future Progressive**
 - Used to show that **something will happen in the future and it will progress for a certain amount of time**
 - I will be watching "The Bachelor" on Monday night.
- **Future Perfect**
 - Used to express actions that **will be completed sometime before a point in the future**
 - I will have eaten lunch by then.