

Tenses in English language with examples

We have three types of tenses in English language

A. The present tense

B. The past tense

C. The future tense

Every tense has four types

A. The present tense

This tense has four types

- 1- Present simple or simple present
- 2- Present continuous or progressive
- 3- Present perfect
- 4- Present perfect continuous or progressive

A.1 Present simple or simple present

(always , daily, rarely ,seldom, usually , every day , every week, every year , every hour , every season , every time , every sometimes , often , occasionally , never , ever
The meaning of the sentence, general facts, information about something in the present time.)

I, you, we, they, plural nouns = infinitive (v1 /as it is)

He / she / it / vs, ves, vies

- 1- Ali likes apple , we like apple
Ali doesn't like apple, we don't like apple
- 2- Our flat contains 4 rooms.
Our flat doesn't contain 4 rooms.
- 3- Vegetarians don't eat meat.
- 4- I pray five times a day.
- 5- She prays five times a day.

A.2- The present continuous

(Am, is, are, ving)

(now , at the moment , look , listen, watch out ,don't disturb , don't make noise , meaning of the sentence).

- 1- Ali is playing football now.
- 2- Ali is not (isn't) playing football now.
- 3- They are eating at the moment
- 4- Listen! Someone is knocking the door.

A. 3- The Present Perfect

(Lately, recently, just, yet, so far, already, since)

(Have/has+ v3 pp)

- 1- We have already had our lunch.
- 2- She has just done her homework.
- 3- They haven't arrived yet.
- 4- My father has sold 2 cars so far.

A.4 The Present Perfect Continuous / progressive.

(For, all, since, over the past time, {for 2 hours} for 3 weeks

.for 5 years, for long ... meaning of the sentence... you looks

She sounds, they seem, it looks, question with how long?

- 1- How long has he been doing this job?
- 2- How long have you been staying here?
- 3- I have been teaching English since 2000
- 4- My daughter has been reading for 5 hours.

B – The past tense:

B1 **simple past / past simple** (yesterday , in 1999,in 2017,in 1811,in the 18th century , ago , today this morning , one day, in my childhood, last year, last week, last month ... last, once)

- 1- I saw Ali yesterday.
- 2- She ate her breakfast one hour ago.
- 3- I met my uncle today this morning.

4- We travelled to London last year.

5- I visited India in 2001.

Didn't + v infinitive with all subjects.

I had I didn't have We saw / we didn't see.

She drank She didn't drink.

B. past perfect (by the past time, after, when, before)

1- Ali had driven quickly when he saw the police.

2- Before she left home, she had called me.

3- After I had done my homework, I went out.

4-by 2001 I had travelled to London.

B3- past continuous: (while, when)

1- The boy was sleeping when the thief came.

2- While Sami was studying, it was raining.

3- They were running when the football match started

4- Ruba was crying when she heard the result.

B4. Past perfect continuous (for, all, since)

1- She had been living here since 2000 but she left last week.

2- When she saw Ali she had been telling him about what happened.

3- They had been staying with us since 2015 but they moved yesterday.

4- I had been studying English when I was 5.

5- She had been playing sports when she came here.

6- Lolo didn't attend the party because she had been studying all The night.

C. The Future Tense

C1- **future simple or simple future** (tomorrow, in 2025 , in 2022, in the future , next week , next year , next season , next month.....,

1- I /he / they will visit you tomorrow

- 2- Next year, we'll travel to London.
- 3- I will study English next month.
- 4- She will join university next week.

C2. Future continuous / progressive

With a time marker (tomorrow at 5, next week at the same time

During the night tomorrow, on Tuesday morning, meaning of the sentence.

- 1- Don't call me at 1 am, I will be sleeping.
- 2- Tomorrow at 11 am I will be taking my English exam.
- 3- We'll be having our lunch at 2 pm
- 4- She will be studying English next week at 6 to 8 next week.

C4. The future perfect. (Will have + v3 pp)

By+ future time (by next year, week, month, day, in two years time, in 5 days time, in 3 months time, by 2022, by 2025 Etc)

- 1- My brother will have completed his degree by 2022.
- 2- In two years time I will be travelling to London.
- 3- In 2 minutes, she'll be coming here.
- 4- By next week, my brother will have arrived.

C4. The future perfect continuous (will +have been +ving)

- 1- I will have been waiting here for three hours by six o'clock.
- 2- By 2025 I will have been living in London for sixteen years.
- 3- When I finished this course I will have been learning English for 5 years.
- 4- When I came at 6 I will have been doing this job for 10 times.