12 TENSES

Tense tells us **WHEN** an action happens.

PRESENT (1 to 4)

1 SIMPLE PRESENT



Rule: Subject + V1 / V1+s

I **play** every day.

2 PRESENT CONTINUOUS



Rule: Subject + am/is/are + V-ing

I am **playing** now.

3 PRESENT PERFECT



Rule: Subject + has/have + V3

I have **played**.

4 PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS



Rule: Subject + has/have been + V-ing

I have been **playing**.

PAST (5 to 8)

5 SIMPLE PAST



Rule: Subject + V2

I **played** yesterday.

6 PAST CONTINUOUS



Rule: Subject + was/were + V-ing

I was **playing**.

7 PAST PERFECT



Rule: Subject + had + V3

I had **played**.

8 PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS



Rule: Subject + had been + V-ing

I had been **playing**.

FUTURE (9 to 12)

9 SIMPLE FUTURE



Rule: Subject + will + V1

I will **play** tomorrow.

10 FUTURE CONTINUOUS



Rule: Subject + will be + V-ing

I will be **playing**.

11 FUTURE PERFECT



Rule: Subject + will have + V3

I will have **played**.

12 FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS



Rule: Subject + will have been + V-ing

I will have been **playing**.

V1 = play | V2 = played | V3 = played | V-ing = playing

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PRESENT TENSE

Present Tense tells us about actions happening now, regularly, or continuing up to now.

1 SIMPLE PRESENT

Rule: Subject + V1 / V1+s/es

Use: Habit / Routine / Fact

1. PLAY	2. READ	3. WRITE	4. STUDY	5. WORK
				
I play football every day.	She reads every day.	He writes every day.	They study every evening.	She works every day.

2 PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Rule: Subject + am/is/are + V-ing

Use: Action happening now

1. PLAY	2. READ	3. WRITE	4. STUDY	5. WORK
				
I am playing football now.	She is reading now.	He is writing now.	They are studying now.	She is working now.

3 PRESENT PERFECT

Rule: Subject + has/have + V3

Use: Completed action with present result

1. PLAY	2. READ	3. WRITE	4. STUDY	5. WORK
				
I have played football today.	She has read the book.	He has written a letter.	They have studied the lesson.	She has worked today.

4 PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

Rule: Subject + has/have been + V-ing

Use: Action continuing for a period of time

1. PLAY	2. READ	3. WRITE	4. STUDY	5. WORK
				
I have been playing football for two hours.	She has been reading for an hour.	He has been writing for an hour.	They have been studying for two hours.	She has been working since morning.

V1 → V-ing → V3 → has/have been + V-ing

Same action • Different tense • Different meaning!

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PAST TENSE

Past Tense tells us about actions that happened in the past.

1 SIMPLE PAST

Rule: Subject + V2 / V-ed

Use: Habit / Routine / Fact

1. PLAY	2. READ	3. WRITE	4. STUDY	5. WORK
				
I played football yesterday.	She read the book yesterday.	He wrote a letter yesterday.	They studied the lesson yesterday.	She worked yesterday.

2 PAST CONTINUOUS

Rule: Subject + was/were + V-ing

Use: Action happening at a specific time in the past.

1. PLAY	2. READ	3. WRITE	4. STUDY	5. WORK
				
I was playing football at 5 pm.	She was reading a book at 5 pm.	He was writing a letter at 5 pm.	They were studying the lesson at 5 pm.	She was working at 5 pm.

3 PAST PERFECT

Rule: Subject + had + V3

Use: Completed action with past result.

1. PLAY	2. READ	3. WRITE	4. STUDY	5. WORK
				
I had played football.	She had read the book.	He had written a letter.	They had studied the lesson.	She had worked today.

4 PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS

Rule: Subject + had been + V-ing

Use: Action continuing for a period of time in the past.

1. PLAY	2. READ	3. WRITE	4. STUDY	5. WORK
				
I had been playing football for two hours.	She had been reading for an hour.	He had been writing for an hour.	They had been studying for two hours.	She had been working since morning.

V2 ➡ was/were + V-ing ➡ had + V3 ➡ had been + V-ing

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FUTURE TENSE

Future Tense tells us about actions happening now, regularly, or continuing up to now.

1 SIMPLE FUTURE

Rule: Subject + will / shall + V1

Use: Plan / Promise / Decision

1. PLAY	2. READ	3. WRITE	4. STUDY	5. WORK
				
I will play football tomorrow.	She will read a book tomorrow.	He will write a letter tomorrow.	They will study tomorrow evening.	She will work tomorrow.

2 FUTURE CONTINUOUS

Rule: Subject + will be + V-ing

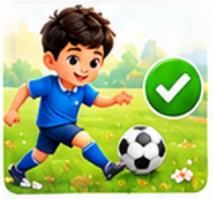
Use: Action happening at a specific time in the future.

1. PLAY	2. READ	3. WRITE	4. STUDY	5. WORK
				
I will be playing football at 5 pm.	She will be reading a book at 5 pm.	He will be writing a letter at 5 pm.	They will be studying the lesson at 5 pm.	She will be working at 5 pm.

3 FUTURE PERFECT

Rule: Subject + will have + V3

Use: Completed action with future result.

1. PLAY	2. READ	3. WRITE	4. STUDY	5. WORK
				
I will have played football by tomorrow.	She will have read the book by tomorrow.	He will have written a letter by tomorrow.	They will have studied the lesson by tomorrow.	She will have worked by tomorrow.

4 FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS

Rule: Subject + will have been + V-ing

Use: Action continuing for a period of time in the future.

1. PLAY	2. READ	3. WRITE	4. STUDY	5. WORK
				
I will have been playing football for two hours.	She will have been reading for an hour.	He will have been writing for an hour.	They will have been studying for two hours.	She will have been working since morning.

V1 → will be + V-ing → will have + V3 → will have been + V-ing

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Think Read Identify Write!

ALL 12 TYPES OF TENSES WORKSHEET

Learn
Practice
Improve
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A. Identify the type of tense in each sentence.

Read each sentence carefully and write the correct type of tense in the box.

1. She is reading a book now.



2. They played football yesterday.



3. I have finished my homework.



4. He had been waiting for the bus for an hour.



5. We will visit Mysore next month.



6. She was cooking when I reached home.



7. They will be travelling to Goa at 5 p.m.



8. I had eaten before I went to school.



9. She has been playing cricket for two hours.



10. By next year, he will have completed his degree.



★ 12 Types of Tenses ★

Present Tense

1. Simple Present
2. Present Continuous
3. Present Perfect
4. Present Perfect Continuous

Past Tense

5. Simple Past
6. Past Continuous
7. Past Perfect
8. Past Perfect Continuous

Future Tense

9. Simple Future
10. Future Continuous
11. Future Perfect
12. Future Perfect Continuous

Remember: Tenses tell us WHEN an action happens — Present, Past or Future!

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