

Tense

- A tense is a form taken by a verb to show the time an action occurs. It tells the listener or reader whether the event happened in the past, is happening in the present, or will happen in the future.
- There are three types of tenses.
 1. **Present Tense**
 2. **Past Tense**
 3. **Future Tense**
- There are four sub-types of present tense
 - **Simple Present / Present Indefinite**
 - **Present Continuous**
 - **Present Perfect**
 - **Present Perfect Continuous**
- There are four sub-types of past tense
 - **Simple Past / Past Indefinite**
 - **Past Continuous**
 - **Past Perfect**
 - **Past Perfect Continuous**
- There are sub-four types of future tense
 - **Simple Future / Future Indefinite**
 - **Future Continuous**
 - **Future Perfect**
 - **Future Perfect Continuous**

1. Present tense

i. Simple Present / Present Indefinite

- Expresses a general truth or an action that is occurring now.
- Expresses an action that occurs regularly or habitually.

Affirmative: - S+V₁/V₅ +O

Negative: - S+ do/does + not+ V₁/V₅ +O.

Interrogative: - do/does + S+ V₁/V₅ + O +?

Interrogative Negative: - do/does + S + not + V₁/V₅ + O +?

Don't/Doesn't + S + V₁/V₅ + O +?

Example: - She goes to the school regularly.

The sun rises from the east.

ii. Present Continuous

- The present continuous tense is used to express an action which is happening at a particular time in the present or extending over a period of present time.

Affirmative: - S + is/am/are + v₄ + O

Negative: - S + is/am/are + not + v₄ + O

Interrogative: - is/am/are + S + not + v₄ + O +?

Interrogative Negative: - is/am/are + S + v₄ + O +?

Isn't/aren't + not + v₄ + O +?

iii. Present Perfect

- The present perfect tense denotes an action that was started in the past and has just been completed.
- Has : Singular , Have : Plural

Affirmative: - S + has/have + V₃ + O

Negative: - S + has/have + not + V₃ + O

Interrogative: - has/have + S + V₃ + O +?

Interrogative Negative: - has/have + S + not + V₃ + O +?

Hasn't/haven't + S + V₃ + O +?

iv. Present Perfect Continuous

- The present perfect continuous tense is used when an action that started in the past is still continuing.

Affirmative: - S + has/have + been + V₄ + O + for/since + time

Negative: - S + has/have + not + been + V₄ + O + for/since + time

Interrogative: - has/have + S + been + V₄ + O + for/since + time +?

Interrogative Negative: - has/have + S + not + been + V₄ + O + for/since + time +?

Hasn't/haven't + S + been + V₄ + O + for/since + time +?

2. Past tense

i. Simple Past / Past Indefinite

- The simple past tense is used for an action which happened at a particular time in the past.

Affirmative: - S + V₂ + O.

Negative: - S + did + not + V₂ + O

Interrogative: - Did + S + V₂ + O +?

Interrogative Negative: -Did + S + not + V₂ + O +?

Didn't + S + V₂ + O +?

ii. Past Continuous

- The past continuous tense is used for an action which was happening at a particular time in the past.

Affirmative: - S + was/were +V₄ + O

Negative: - S + was/were + not +V₄ + O

Interrogative: - was/were + S + V₄ + O +?

Interrogative Negative: -was/were + S + not + V₄ + O +?

wasn't/weren't + S + V₄ + O +?

iii. Past Perfect

- The past perfect tense is used to express an action that was completed before another action started in the past. It is used with the earlier of the two actions. The simple past tense is used with the other action.

Affirmative: - S + had +V₃ + O

Negative: - S + had + not +V₃ + O

Interrogative: - had + S + V₃ + O +?

Interrogative Negative: - had + S + not + V₃ + O +?

Hadn't + S + V₃ + O +?

iv. Past Perfect Continuous

- The past perfect continuous tense is used for an action that began before a certain point in the past and continued up to that point.

Affirmative: - S + had + been + V₄ + O + for/since + time

Negative: - S + had + not + been + V₄ + O + for/since + time

Interrogative: - had + S + been + V₄ + O + for/since + time +?

Interrogative Negative: - had + S + not + been + V₄ + O + for/since + time +?

Hadn't + S + been + V₄ + O + for/since + time +?

3. Future tense

i. Simple Future / Future Indefinite

- The simple future tense is used for an action that will take place at particular time in the future.

Affirmative: - S + shall/will + V₁ + O

Negative: - S + shall/will + not + V₁ + O

Interrogative: - shall/will + S + V₁ + O +?

Interrogative Negative: - shall/will + S + not + V₁ + O +?

Shan't/won't + S + V₁ + O +?

ii. Future Continuous

- The future continuous tense is used to express an action which will be in progress at a particular time in the future.

Affirmative: - S + shall/will + be + V₄ + O

Negative: - S + shall/will + not + be + V₄ + O

Interrogative: - shall/will + S + be + V₄ + O +?

Interrogative Negative: - shall/will + S + not + be + V₄ + O +?

Shan't/won't + S + be + V₄ + O +?

iii. Future Perfect

- The Future perfect tense is used to indicate the completion of an action by a certain period of time in the future.

Affirmative: - S + shall/will + have + V₃ + O

Negative: - S + shall/will + not + have + V₃ + O

Interrogative: - shall/will + S + have + V₃ + O +?

Interrogative Negative: - shall/will + S + not + have + V₃ + O +?

Shan't/won't + S + have + V₃ + O +?

iv. Future Perfect Continuous

- The future perfect tense is used when an action is to continue up to a certain point of time in the future.

Affirmative: - S + shall/will + have + been + V₄ + O + for/since + time

Negative: - S + shall/will + not + have + been + V₄ + O + for/since + time

Interrogative: - shall/will + S + have + been + V₄ + O + for/since + time

Interrogative Negative: - shall/will + S + not + have + been + V₄ + O + for/since + time +?

Shan't/won't + S + have + been + V₄ + O + for/since + time +?

