

VERB TENSE REVIEW- Form, Meaning and Use

<p>PRESENT SIMPLE Form verb (s/es)</p> <p>Meaning - idea that an action is repeated or usual - things taking place once, never or several times</p> <p>Use -to show repeated action, belief, opinion, characteristics - to indicate the speaker believes that a fact was true before, is true now, and will be true in the future. It is not important if the speaker is correct about the fact -to make generalizations about people or things. - to talk about scheduled events in the near future <i>The train leaves tonight at 6 PM.</i> - to express the idea that an action is happening or is not happening now <i>He needs help right now.</i></p>	<p>PRESENT PERFECT Form have/has + past participle</p> <p>Meaning - sense of time - how long something has happened (for/since) - events/states occur/begin during previous period of time - action in past, result now - activity happened only once or specific number of times - situations/events do not always continue until time of speaking, nor necessarily always happened immediately before time of speaking but imply some connection/relevance to present e.g., <i>Both our children have had chicken pox</i></p> <p>Use - to show an action that has happened in the past and continues in the present. Can be used with active and stative verbs. - connects things that happened in past and present time - refer to past events which repeatedly occur up to and including the present time and may occur again in the future - often gives 'new' information – reporting events just occurring before present time - <i>just, already</i> - stative verbs and adverbials of duration - cannot be used with adverbials that indicate specific point in time in the past <i>*I've cut my finger yesterday</i> - can use it to talk about time expressions including present time <i>today/this morning etc.</i> -> used in clauses beginning with time expressions such as: when, while</p>	<p>PRESENT CONTINUOUS/ PROGRESSIVE Form am/is/are + verb + ing</p> <p>Meaning - Event/state in progress - Action taking place only for a limited period of time - action arranged for the near future <i>I AM MEETING SOME FRIENDS AFTER WORK.</i></p> <p>Use - to show an event that is going on right now - to say that we are in the process of doing a longer action which is in progress; however, we might not be doing it at this exact second: at a restaurant your friend saying "I AM STUDYING TO BECOME A DOCTOR." - with words such as "always" or "constantly" expresses the idea that something irritating or shocking often happens. <i>HE IS CONSTANTLY TALKING. I WISH HE WOULD SHUT UP.</i></p>	<p>PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS/ PROGRESSIVE Form have/has + been + ing</p> <p>Meaning - emphasizes duration - event/state in progress that began in previous period of time - may still be happening now or until recently - focus on situation in progress, can't be used with verbs that describe states (stative senses of verbs) * <i>We've been knowing Jackie for three years</i> - activity is ongoing, repeated - focus on process <i>I've been washing the car and I'm soaked.</i> - used to complain about situation resulting from previous activity</p> <p>Use to show how long something has been happening and is still happening. can only be used with active verbs. - repeated actions occurred up until time of speaking - used with verbs that suggest repeated activity rather than a single action <i>*I've been breaking my leg</i></p>
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<p>PAST SIMPLE <u>Form</u> verb (d/ed)</p> <p><u>Meaning</u> - event/action is finished - actions taking place one after another - action taking place in the middle of another action</p> <p><u>Use</u> - to show what has happened at a time in the past</p>	<p>PAST PERFECT <u>Form</u> had + past participle</p> <p><u>Meaning</u> - expresses an action taking place before a certain time in the past - time sequence - connection between something from past and a past moment in time</p> <p><u>Use</u> - to show an action OR situation in the past that happened before another event - sometimes interchangeable with past perfect progressive - putting emphasis only on the fact (not the duration)</p>	<p>PAST CONTINUOUS <u>Form</u> was/were + verb + ing</p> <p><u>Meaning</u> emphasis on the course of an action in the past He <i>was playing</i> football.</p> <p><u>Use</u> - to show an <u>event</u> that was going on when something else happened - before, after, when action going on at a certain time in the past - actions taking place at the same time - action in the past that is interrupted by another action <i>I was watching TV when she called.</i> - When you use the Past Continuous with two actions in the same sentence, it expresses the idea that both actions were happening at the same time <i>I was studying while he was making dinner.</i> - often use a series of parallel actions to describe the atmosphere at a particular time in the past <i>When I walked into the office, several people were busily typing, some were talking on the phones, the boss was yelling directions, and customers were waiting to be helped. One customer was yelling at a secretary and waving his hands. Others were complaining to each other about the bad service.</i> - with words such as "always" or "constantly" expresses the idea that something irritating or shocking often happened in the past</p>	<p>PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS <u>Form</u> have + been + verb +ing</p> <p><u>Meaning</u> - meaning of "lately" or "recently." - course or duration of action recently stopped or still going on</p> <p><u>Use</u> - to show how long something had been happening before something else happened - emphasize duration, not result - to show finished action that influenced the present</p> <p>He has been speaking.</p>
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<p>FUTURE SIMPLE</p> <p><u>Form</u> will + verb</p> <p><u>Meaning</u> expresses a spontaneous decision, an assumption with regard to the future or an action in the future that cannot be influenced.</p> <p><u>Use</u> - to show what will happen in the future - action in the future that cannot be influenced spontaneous decision - assumption with regard to the future</p>	<p>FUTURE PERFECT</p> <p><u>Form</u> will + have + past participle</p> <p><u>Meaning</u> something will occur before another action in the future will happen before a specific time in the future</p> <p><u>Use</u> - to show something that has not yet been done but will be done before a set time in the future - to show that something will continue up until another action in the future. - cannot be used in clauses beginning with time expressions such as: when, while, before</p>	<p>FUTURE CONTINUOUS</p> <p><u>Form</u> will + be + verb + ing</p> <p><u>Meaning</u> - emphasis on the course of an action taking place in the future - emphasizes interrupted actions <i>He will be tired because he will be exercising so hard.</i> This sentence emphasizes that he will be tired because he will be exercising at that exact moment in the future.</p> <p><u>Use</u> - to show an event that will be going on when something else happens - action that is sure to happen in the near future</p>	<p>FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS</p> <p><u>Form</u> will + have + been + verb + ing</p> <p><u>Meaning</u> the duration stops at or before a reference point in the future <i>He will be tired because he will have been exercising so hard.</i> This sentence emphasizes that he will be tired because he will have been exercising for a period of time. It is possible that he will still be exercising at that moment OR that he will just have finished.</p> <p><u>Use</u> - used for actions that will be unfinished, but have reached a certain stage - to show how long something will have been happening by a future time - shows cause and effect <i>Jason will be tired when he gets home because he will have been jogging for over an hour.</i> - some verbs can be used in both the future perfect and the future perfect progressive, and they still have the same meaning. For example <i>By 2010, I will have been living in San Francisco for 20 years.</i> <i>By 2010, I will have lived in San Francisco for 20 years.</i> - cannot be used in clauses beginning with time expressions such as: when, while</p>
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