

GRAMMAR TENSE STRUCTURES

Tense	Rule	Example Sentence
Present Simple [infinitive]	1. a habit 2. a fact or something true 3. timetables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I often start work at 8:30 everyday The world is round The trains leave at 3:45
Present Continuous [is/am/are + ing]	1. an activity now 2. a temporary activity 3. an arranged future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We're doing a grammar review (now) I'm staying here for only one month I'm having my haircut today at 3:00
Present Perfect Simple [have/has +/past participle]	1. an action that occurred in the past and connects to now 2. a past experience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adverbs (<i>for/since/ just/never/ever /yet/still</i>) Time expressions (<i>today / recently / this morning..</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They've lived here since 2011 He's had a mobile phone for 1 year We've just seen Peter I've never been to Japan
Present perfect Continuous [Have/has +been+ing]	1. an activity that started in the past but continues up to now.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I've been studying English for 9 years
Past Simple [past simple form]	1. a finished action in the past	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I lived in Spain in 2009
Past Continuous [was/were+ing]	1. an activity /activities in the past / 2. an activity in progress when another action took place.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I was watching TV last night (at 9:00) While I was watching TV, a friend arrived.
Past perfect Simple [had + past participle]	1. the past of the past (before / after / when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John was not home, he had gone shopping When we arrived, he hadn't eaten his dinner
Past Perfect Continuous [had+been+ing]	1. a past activity of a past action (before / after/when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I had been waiting for 20 mins before the bus came.
Future Simple [will+infinitive]	1. future facts 2. predictions 3. spontaneous decisions 4. promises, offers, threats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The world cup will be held in Russia in 2018 We will live on Mars in 2050. I think I'll go shopping this afternoon I'll help you with your homework later (offer)
Future simple [going+to+infinitive]	1. plans & decision made before speaking 2. predictions made with present evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She is going to play badminton tonight (a plan) Look at those black clouds - It's going to rain
Future Continuous (time) [will+be+ing]	1. an activity in the future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I will be travelling to London tomorrow evening
Future Perfect Simple [will+been+past participle]	1. an action will be completed sometime in the future (by / in)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By June, I'll have been here for 2 months
Future Perfect Continuous [will+have+been+ing]	1. an activity will be completed sometime in the future (by/ in)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In April, I'll have been living here for 5 years