

Tenses

Tenses tell the time of actions.

English has 3 tenses.

- **Present**
- **Past**
- **Future**

Simple Tense

- **Present Simple**
- **Past Simple**
- **Future Simple**

Continuous/Progressive Tense

- **Present Continuous/Progressive**
- **Past Continuous/ Progressive**
- **Future Continuous/ Progressive**



Perfect Tense

- Present Perfect
- Past Perfect
- Future Perfect

Perfect Continuous Tense

- Present Perfect Continuous
- Past Perfect Continuous
- Future Perfect Continuous



Present Simple Tense



Present simple is used to talk about facts, repeated actions, habits, and clauses like I promise, I think, I agree, etc.

Positive:

subject + **verb 1st form (s/es)** + extension
She reads books. I play.

Negative:

subject + **do not/ does not (don't/ doesn't)** + **verb 1st form** + extension
She does not read books. I don't play.

Interrogative:

Do/ Does + subject + **verb 1st form** + extension + ?
Does she read books? Do I play?

Interrogative-negative: **Don't/ Doesn't** + subject + **verb 1st form** + extension + ?

Doesn't she read books? Don't I play?

Past Simple Tense

Use: Past simple talks about a completed action of the past.

Positive:

subject + verb 2nd form + extension

They played.

He rode his bike.

Negative:

subject + did not + verb 1st form + extension

They did not play.

He did not ride his bike.

Interrogative:

Did + subject + verb 1st form + extension + ?

Did they play?

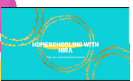
Did he ride his bike?

Interrogative-negative:

Didn't + subject + verb 1st form + extension + ?

Didn't they play?

Didn't he ride his bike?



Future Simple Tense

Positive:

subject + will/ shall + verb 1st form + extension

I shall come tomorrow.

He will buy a car.

Negative:

subject + will not/ shall not + verb 1st form + extension

I shall not come tomorrow.

He will not buy a car.

Interrogative:

Will/ Shall + subject + verb 1st form + extension + ?

Shall I come tomorrow?

Will he buy a car?

Interrogative-negative:

Won't + subject + verb 1st form + extension + ?

Shan't I come tomorrow?

Won't he buy a car?



Present Continuous Tense

Positive:

subject + **helping verb** + **verb 1st form+ing** + extension
We are going. She is laughing.

Negative:

subject + **helping verb** + **not** + **verb 1st form+ing** + extension
We are not going. She is not laughing.

Interrogative:

Helping verb + **subject** + **verb 1st form+ing** + extension + ?
Are we going? Is she laughing?

Interrogative-negative:

Helping verb + **not** + **subject** + **verb 1st form+ing** + extension + ?
Aren't we going? Isn't she laughing?

helping verbs:

is, am are



Past Continuous Tense

Positive:

subject + **helping verb** + **verb 1st form+ing** + extension
You were eating.

I was sleeping.

Negative:

subject + **helping verb** + **not** + **verb 1st form+ing** + extension
You were not eating.

I was not sleeping.

Interrogative:

Helping verb + subject + **verb 1st form+ing** + extension + ?
Were you eating?

Was I sleeping?

Interrogative-negative:

Helping verb + **not** + subject + **verb 1st form+ing** + extension + ?
Weren't you eating?

Wasn't I sleeping?

helping verbs:

was, were



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Future Continuous Tense

Positive:

subject + **helping verb** + **verb 1st form+ing** + **extension**
He will be coming tomorrow.

Negative:

subject + **helping verb** + **not** + **verb 1st form+ing** + **extension**
He will not be coming tomorrow.

Interrogative:

Helping verb + **subject** + **verb 1st form+ing** + **extension** + ?
Will he be coming tomorrow?

Interrogative-negative:

Helping verb + **not** + **subject** + **verb 1st form+ing** + **extension** + ?
Won't he be coming tomorrow?

helping verbs:

will be, shall be

Present Perfect Tense

Positive:

subject + **helping verb** + **verb 3rd form** + **extension**
She has done it. I have had my lunch.

Negative:

subject + **helping verb** + **not** + **verb 3rd form** + **extension**
She has not done it. I have not had my lunch.

Interrogative:

Helping verb + **subject** + **verb 3rd form** + **extension** + ?
Has she done it? Have I had my lunch?

Interrogative-negative:

Helping verb + **not** + **subject** + **verb 3rd form** + **extension** + ?
Has she not done it? Have I not had my lunch?
Hasn't she done it? Haven't I had my lunch?

helping verbs:

has, have



Past Perfect Tense

Positive:

subject + **helping verb** + **verb 3rd form** + **extension**
She had done it. I had had my lunch.

Negative:

subject + **helping verb** + **not** + **verb 3rd form** + **extension**
She had not done it. I had not had my lunch.

Interrogative:

Helping verb + **subject** + **verb 3rd form** + **extension** + ?
Had she done it? Had I had my lunch?

Interrogative-negative:

Helping verb + **not** + **subject** + **verb 3rd form** + **extension** + ?
Had she not done it? Had I not had my lunch?
Hadn't she done it? Hadn't I had my lunch?

helping verbs:

had



Future Perfect Tense

Positive:

subject + **helping verb** + **verb 3rd form** + **extension**
She will have done it. I will have had my lunch.

Negative:

subject + **helping verb** + **not** + **verb 3rd form** + **extension**
She will not have done it. I will not have had my lunch.

Interrogative:

Helping verb + **subject** + **verb 3rd form** + **extension** + **?**
Will she have done it? Shall I have had my lunch?

Interrogative-negative:

Helping verb + **not** + **subject** + **verb 3rd form** + **extension** + **?**
Won't she have done it? Shan't I have had my lunch?

helping verbs:

will have



Present Perfect Continuous Tense

helping verbs:

has been, have been

Positive:

subject + **helping verb** + **verb 1st form+ing** + **extension**
I have been driving. She has been working.

Negative:

subject + **helping verb** + **not** + **verb 1st form+ing** + **extension**
I have not been driving. She has not been working.

Interrogative:

Helping verb + **subject** + **verb 1st form+ing** + **extension** + ?
Have I been driving? Has she been working?

Interrogative-negative:

Helping verb + **not** + **subject** + **verb 1st form+ing** + **extension** + ?
Haven't I been driving? Hasn't she been working?

Past Perfect Continuous Tense

helping verbs:
had been

Positive:

subject + **helping verb** + **verb 1st form+ing** + **extension**
I had been driving. She had been working.

Negative:

subject + **helping verb** + **not** + **verb 1st form+ing** + **extension**
I had not been driving. She had not been working.

Interrogative:

Helping verb + **subject** + **verb 1st form+ing** + **extension** + ?
Had I been driving? Had she been working?

Interrogative-negative:

Helping verb + **not** + **subject** + **verb 1st form+ing** + **extension** + ?
Hadn't I been driving? Hadn't she been working?



Future Perfect Continuous Tense

helping verbs:
will have been

Positive:

subject + **helping verb** + **verb 1st form+ing** + **extension**
I will have been driving. She will have been working.

Negative:

subject + **will have not been** + **verb 1st form+ing** + **extension**
I will have not been driving. She will have not been working.

Interrogative:

Will + **subject** + **have been** + **verb 1st form+ing** + **extension** + ?
Will I have been driving? Will have she been working?

Interrogative-negative:

Won't + **subject** + **have been** + **verb 1st form+ing** + **extension** + ?
Won't I have been driving? Won't she have been working?