

**Topic – Tenses in English**

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# Introduction – Tense

**Tenses are grammatical forms that indicate the time of an action or event.**

**Examples:**

**He drives a car.**

**He Drove a car.**

**He will Drive a car.**

**Present**

**I eat breakfast every morning.**

**Past**

**She walked to the park yesterday.**

**Future**

**I will go to Delhi tomorrow.**

# Purpose of Tenses

## What is the purpose of tenses in English Grammar?

To indicate time of an action, event or state.

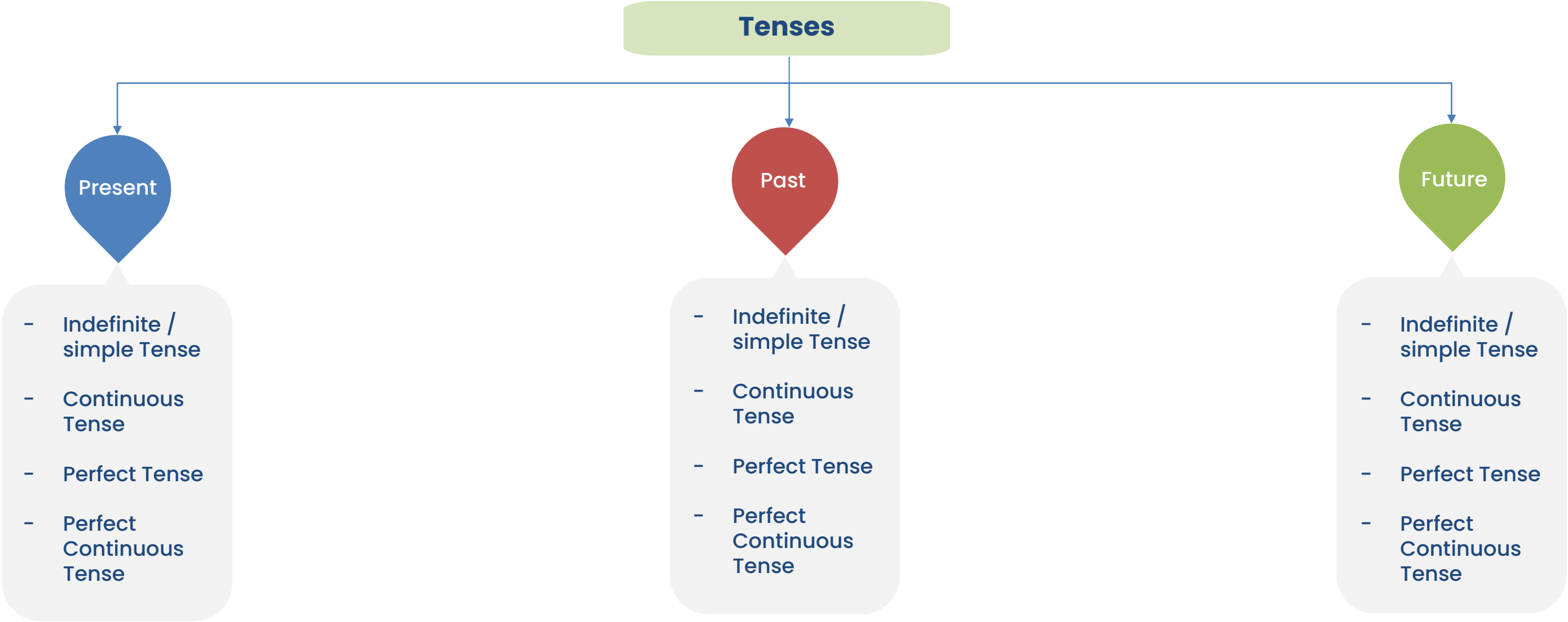
Accurately express whether something is happening in the present, has already happened in the past, or will happen in the future.

Enable us to narrate stories, describing ongoing actions, express general truths, future plans & much more.

Contribute to effective communication.

Provide a systematic way to express meaningful message in spoken and written communication.

# Classification



# Structure of Tense

## Present Tense

Tense	Form	Usage	Example
Present Indefinite / simple Tense	Subject + V1 (s/es)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Actions and Habits</li> <li>General Truths and Facts</li> <li>States and Conditions</li> <li>Permanent Situations</li> <li>Scheduled Events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I wake up at 6 AM every morning.</li> <li>Water boils at 100 degrees Celsius.</li> <li>He lives in London.</li> <li>She works as a teacher.</li> <li>The movie starts at 7 PM tonight.</li> </ul>
Present Continuous Tense	Subject + "be" verb (am/is/are) + V1 (+ing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Actions Happening Now</li> <li>Temporary Actions or Situations</li> <li>Future Plans or Arrangements</li> <li>Actions in Progress or Ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am writing an email.</li> <li>He is staying with us for a week.</li> <li>We are meeting for lunch tomorrow.</li> <li>The children are playing in the park.</li> </ul>
Present Perfect Tense	Subject + "have/has" + past participle (V3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed Actions with a Result in the Present</li> <li>Past Actions with a Relevance to the Present</li> <li>Unspecified Time in the Past</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>She has finished her homework.</li> <li>He has visited Paris.</li> <li>They have travelled extensively.</li> </ul>
Present Perfect Continuous Tense	Subject + "have/has been" + present participle (V1) (+ing form)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Actions started in the past and are still ongoing</li> <li>Emphasizing the duration of an action or situation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I have been studying English for two hours.</li> <li>He has been waiting for the bus for 30 minutes.</li> </ul>

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## Past Tense

Tense	Form	Usage	Example
Past Indefinite / simple Tense	Subject + base verb V2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Describing completed actions</li> <li>- Narrating a sequence of events</li> <li>- Talking about past habits or routines</li> <li>- Reporting past events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- She walked to the store yesterday.</li> <li>- I woke up, had breakfast, and went to work.</li> <li>- They always played soccer on Saturdays.</li> <li>- The company announced a new product yesterday.</li> </ul>
Past Continuous Tense	Subject + "was/were" + present participle (V1) (+ing form)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Describing ongoing actions in the past</li> <li>- Describing simultaneous actions</li> <li>- Expressing annoyance or complaint</li> <li>- Interrupted actions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I was studying when she called me</li> <li>- While she was cooking dinner, he was setting the table.</li> <li>- He was always interrupting me during the meeting.</li> <li>- I was watching TV when the power went out.</li> </ul>
Past Perfect Tense	Subject + "had" + past participle (V3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Describing the order of past events</li> <li>- Expressing cause and effect</li> <li>- Referring to unrealized or hypothetical situations in the past</li> <li>- Reporting past actions or statements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- By the time I arrived, they had already left.</li> <li>- She had studied hard, so she passed the exam.</li> <li>- If I had known, I would have helped you.</li> <li>- She said she had finished her work.</li> </ul>
Past Perfect Continuous Tense	Subject + "had been" + present participle (V1) (+ing form)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Describing the duration of an action before another event</li> <li>- Emphasizing the duration of an action in the past</li> <li>- Expressing a cause or reason for a past event</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- They had been waiting for hours when the bus finally arrived.</li> <li>- She had been working on the project all day before she submitted it.</li> <li>- The roads were wet because it had been raining all night.</li> </ul>

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## Future Tense

Tense	Form	Usage	Example
Future Indefinite / simple Tense	Subject + "will" + base verb (V1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Stating future plans or intentions</li><li>- Making predictions</li><li>- Talking about scheduled events</li><li>- Offering or promising</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- I will go to the party tomorrow night.</li><li>- The weather will be sunny tomorrow.</li><li>- The concert will start at 8 PM.</li><li>- I will help you with your project.</li></ul>
Future Continuous Tense	Subject + "will be" + present participle (V1) (+ing form)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Describing ongoing actions in the future</li><li>- Expressing future plans and arrangements</li><li>- Talking about future events in progress</li><li>- Predicting future actions</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- I will be studying at this time tomorrow.</li><li>- They will be traveling to Europe next month.</li><li>- At 8 PM tonight, I will be watching a movie.</li><li>- He will be working late tonight, as usual.</li></ul>
Future Perfect Tense	Subject + "will have" + past participle (V3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Describing completion of an action before a future time</li><li>- Speculating about future accomplishments</li><li>- Making predictions based on future actions</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- By the time she arrives, I will have finished my work.</li><li>- They will have graduated from university by the end of the year.</li><li>- If they study consistently, they will have mastered the language in a few months.</li></ul>
Future Perfect Continuous Tense	Subject + "will have been" + present participle (V1) (+ing form)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Expressing the duration of an ongoing action in the future</li><li>- Speculating about future activities or situations</li><li>- Predicting future outcomes based on ongoing actions</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- They will have been studying all day by the time the exam starts.</li><li>- By the end of the week, she will have been working on this project for a month.</li><li>- If they keep practicing, they will have been improving their skills significantly by the time of the competition.</li></ul>



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