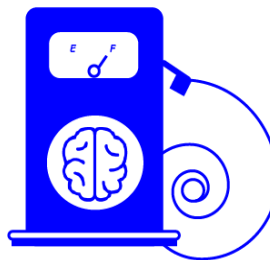


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Learn English Basics

| Tenses |

Simple, Continuous, Perfect,
Perfect Continuous



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Simple Tenses:

Simple tenses are used whenever we are talking about a *point in time*.



Past Simple

Use for an action that happened at a point in time in the past.

e.g. - I **ate** breakfast this morning.

Present Simple

Use when making a general statement of truth at the present point in time.

e.g. - I **eat** breakfast every day.

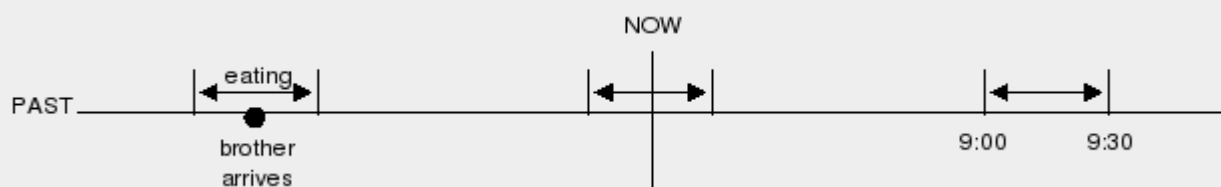
Future Simple

Use for an action that will happen at a point in time in the future.

e.g. - I **will eat** breakfast later.

Continuous Tenses:

Continuous tenses are used whenever we are talking about a *length of time*.



Past Continuous

Use for an action that was happening for a length of time in the past when another action happened in the middle of it.

e.g. - I **was eating** breakfast when my brother arrived.

Present Continuous

Use for an action that is happening now.

e.g. - Right now, I **am eating** breakfast.

Future Continuous

Use for an action that will be happening for a length of time in the future.

e.g. - I **will be eating** breakfast from 9:00 to 9:30.

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Perfect Tenses:

Perfect tenses are used whenever we are talking about a *point in time before another point in time*.



Past Perfect

Use for an action that happened in the past before another action.

e.g. - I **had** already **eaten** breakfast when my brother arrived.

Present Perfect

Use for an action that happened in the past before the present moment.

e.g. - I **have** already **eaten** breakfast.

Future Perfect

Use for an action that will happen in the future before another action.

e.g. - I **will have** already **eaten** breakfast by the time my brothers arrives.

Perfect Continuous Tenses:

Perfect continuous tenses are used whenever we are talking about a *length of time up to a point in time*.



Past Perfect Continuous

Use for an action that was happening for a length of time in the past up to the moment when another action happened.

e.g. - I **had been eating** breakfast for 30 minutes when my brother arrived.

Present Perfect Continuous

Use for an action that was happening for a length of time up to the present moment.

e.g. - I **have been eating** my breakfast for 30 minutes.

Future Perfect Continuous

Use for an action that will be happening in the future for a length of time up to the moment when another action will happen.

e.g. - I **will have been eating** my breakfast for 30 minutes by the time you arrive.