

TENSES

Tenses are used to express the time of an action or event.

Tenses help convey when something happens

Types of Tenses

Present Tense

Past Tense

Future Tense

Each tense has four aspects: Simple, Continuous, Perfect, and Perfect Continuous.

PRESENT TENSE

Present Simple

Structure: Subject + Base Verb

Example: *She reads books.*

Use: Habitual actions, facts, general truths.

Present Continuous

Structure: Subject + am/are/is + Verb + -ing

Example: *She is reading a book.*

Use: Actions happening right now.

Present Perfect

Structure: Subject + has/have + Past Participle

Example: *She has read the book.*

Use: Actions that occurred at an unspecified time in the past.

Present Perfect Continuous

Structure: Subject + has/have + been + Verb + -ing

Example: *She has been reading for an hour.*

PAST TENSE

Past Simple

Structure: Subject + Past Verb

Example: *She read the book yesterday.*

Use: Completed actions in the past.

Past Continuous

Structure: Subject + was/were + Verb + -ing

Example: *She was reading when I called.*

Use: Actions that were happening at a specific time in the past.

Past Perfect

Structure: Subject + had + Past Participle

Example: *She had read the book before the meeting.*

Use: Actions that were completed before another past event.

Past Perfect Continuous

Structure: Subject + had + been + Verb + -ing

Example: *She had been reading for an hour when I called.*

Use: Ongoing actions that were happening before another past event.

FUTURE TENSE

Future Simple

Structure: Subject + will + Base Verb

Example: *She will read the book tomorrow.*

Use: Predictions, promises, or decisions made at the moment of speaking.

Future Continuous

Structure: Subject + will be + Verb + -ing

Example: *She will be reading at 8 PM.*

Future Perfect

- **Structure:** Subject + will have + Past Participle
- **Example:** *She will have read the book by tomorrow.*
- **Use:** Actions that will be completed before a specific time in the future.

Future Perfect Continuous

- **Structure:** Subject + will have been + Verb + -ing
- **Example:** *She will have been reading for two hours by 9 PM.*

Use: Ongoing actions that will be happening up until a specific point in the future.