



Tense

Definition

Tense refers to the change of verb form according to the time frame of action.

Present Tense

- (i) **Present Indefinite** (Simple Present) (Describes regular, habitual, or universal actions).
- (ii) **Present Continuous** (Describes actions happening right now or around the present time).
- (iii) **Present Perfect** (Describes actions completed recently or having relevance to the present).
- (iv) **Present Perfect Continuous** (Describes actions that started in the past and are still continuing).

Past Tense

- (i) **Past Indefinite** (Describes actions completed in the past).
- (ii) **Past Continuous** (Describes past actions that were ongoing at a specific time).
- (iii) **Past Perfect** (Describes actions completed before another past action).
- (iv) **Past Perfect Continuous** (Describes past ongoing actions that continued up to a point in the past).

Future Tense

- (i) **Future Indefinite** (Describes actions that will happen in the future).
- (ii) **Future Continuous** (Describes actions that will be in progress at a certain time in the future).
- (iii) **Future Perfect** (Describes actions that will be completed before a specific future time).
- (iv) **Future Perfect Continuous** (Describes future ongoing actions continuing up to a certain time).

Tense	Formula	Example Sentence
Present Indefinite (Simple)	Sub + V ¹ + s/es (for he/she/it) + obj	He reads newspaper every day.
Present Continuous	Sub + is/am/are + V ¹ + ing + obj	They are watching a movie.
Present Perfect	Sub + has/have + V ³ + obj	I have finished my assignment.
Present Perfect Continuous	Sub + has/have been + V ¹ + ing + obj	She has been sleeping since 5PM.
Past Indefinite (Simple)	Sub + V ² + obj	We visited the museum yesterday.
Past Continuous	Sub + was/were + V ¹ + ing + obj	Riya was singing a song.

Past Perfect	Sub + had + V ³ + obj	Kamal had left before she arrived.
Past Perfect Continuous	Sub + had been + V ¹ + ing + obj	We had been working for four hours.
Future Indefinite (Simple)	Sub + will/shall + V ¹ + obj	She will call you tomorrow.
Future Continuous	Sub + will/shall be + V ¹ + ing + obj	He will be dancing at the party.
Future Perfect	Sub + will/shall have + V ³ + obj	Rahul will have reached by 10 PM.
Future Perfect Continuous	Sub + will/shall have been + V ¹ + ing + obj	She will have been waiting for an hour.