

TENSE



Tense refers to the form of a verb that indicates the time of an action—whether it occurred in the past, is happening in the present, or will take place in the future—and also shows how complete the action is.”

KINDS OF TENSES

Tenses are divided into three categories:

1. Past Tense

2. Present Tense

3. Future Tense

Tense	Structure Formula (Affirmative / Negative / Interrogative)	Assertive Sentence	Negative Sentence	Interrogative Sentence
Present Simple	Sub + V1 + Obj. Sub + do/does + not + V1 + Obj. Do/Does + Sub + V1 + Obj?	She reads a book.	She does not read a book.	Does she read a book?
Present Continuous	Sub + is/am/are + V1+ing + Obj. Sub + is/am/are + not + V1+ing + Obj. Is/Am/Are + Sub + V1+ing + Obj?	He is playing football.	He is not playing football.	Is he playing football?
Present Perfect	Sub + has/have + V3 + Obj. Sub + has/have + not + V3 + Obj. Has/Have + Sub + V3 + Obj?	They have finished lunch.	They have not finished lunch.	Have they finished lunch?
Present Perfect Continuous	Sub + has/have been + V1+ing + Obj + (since/for). Sub + has/have not been + V1+ing + Obj. Has/Have + Sub + been + V1+ing + Obj?	I have been working since morning.	I have not been working since morning.	Have I been working since morning?
Past Simple	Sub + V2 + Obj. Sub + did + not + V1 + Obj. Did + Sub + V1 + Obj?	He watched a movie.	He did not watch a movie.	Did he watch a movie?
Past Continuous	Sub + was/were + V1+ing + Obj. Sub + was/were + not + V1+ing + Obj. Was/Were + Sub + V1+ing + Obj?	She was cooking dinner.	She was not cooking dinner.	Was she cooking dinner?
Past Perfect	Sub + had + V3 + Obj. Sub + had + not + V3 + Obj. Had + Sub + V3 + Obj?	They had left the room.	They had not left the room.	Had they left the room?

Past Perfect Continuous	Sub + had been + V1+ing + Obj + (since/for). Sub + had not been + V1+ing + Obj. Had + Sub + been + V1+ing + Obj?	He had been studying for two hours.	He had not been studying for two hours.	Had he been studying for two hours?
Future Simple	Sub + will/shall + V1 + Obj. Sub + will/shall + not + V1 + Obj. Will/Shall + Sub + V1 + Obj?	She will visit the museum.	She will not visit the museum.	Will she visit the museum?
Future Continuous	Sub + will/shall be + V1+ing + Obj. Sub + will/shall not be + V1+ing + Obj. Will/Shall + Sub + be + V1+ing + Obj?	I will be reading a book.	I will not be reading a book.	Will I be reading a book?
Future Perfect	Sub + will/shall have + V3 + Obj. Sub + will/shall not have + V3 + Obj. Will/Shall + Sub + have + V3 + Obj?	They will have completed the task.	They will not have completed the task.	Will they have completed the task?
Future Perfect Continuous	Sub + will/shall have been + V1+ing + Obj + (since/for). Sub + will/shall not have been + V1+ing + Obj. Will/Shall + Sub + have been + V1+ing + Obj?	She will have been working for 5 hours.	She will not have been working for 5 hours.	Will she have been working for 5 hours?

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. Instruction: Pick the sentence using Present Indefinite Tense.

- (A) He drives to work every day. (B) He has driven to work today.
(C) He is driving to work right now. (D) He has been driving to work since morning.

2. Instruction: Select the Present Perfect Continuous sentence.

- (A) I have been reading this book all week.
(B) I read this book all week.
(C) I am reading this book all week.
(D) I was reading this book all week.

3. Instruction: Identify the Present Perfect Tense sentence.

- (A) The children play outside every evening.
(B) The children have played outside today.
(C) The children were playing outside.
(D) The children have been playing outside since morning.

4. Instruction: Choose the sentence that is in Present Indefinite Tense.

- (A) She writes in her diary every night. (B) She is writing in her diary now.
(C) She has written in her diary. (D) She has been writing in her diary for hours.

5. Instruction: Pick the Present Continuous sentence.

- (A) They bake cookies on Sundays.
(B) They are baking cookies at the moment.
(C) They have baked cookies today.
(D) They have been baking cookies since morning.

6. Instruction: Select the Present Perfect Continuous sentence.

- (A) He studies in the evening.
(B) He is studying for the test now.
(C) He has studied for the test.
(D) He has been studying for the test since last night.

7. Instruction: Choose the Present Perfect Tense sentence.

- (A) I listen to music every day. (B) I am listening to music now.
(C) I have listened to this song before. (D) I have been listening to music for an hour.

8. Instruction: Pick the Present Indefinite sentence.

- (A) The baby cries loudly at night. (B) The baby has cried loudly.
(C) The baby is crying loudly. (D) The baby has been crying loudly.

9. Instruction: Select the Present Continuous Tense sentence.

- (A) My father reads the newspaper every morning.
(B) My father is reading the newspaper now.
(C) My father has read the newspaper.
(D) My father has been reading the newspaper.

10. Instruction: Choose the sentence in Present Perfect Continuous Tense.

- (A) She has been attending French classes since June.
(B) She attends French classes.
(C) She is attending French classes.
(D) She has attended French classes.

ANSWER KEY

1. (A)	2. (A)	3. (B)	4. (A)	5. (B)	6. (D)	7. (C)	8. (A)	9. (B)	10. (A)
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