

The 12 Verb Tenses

	Past	Present	Future
Simple	I ate pizza yesterday. S + V ₂ + O	I eat pizza everyday. S + V ₁ + O	I will eat pizza tomorrow. S + 'will' + V + O
Continuous	I was eating pizza when you arrived. S + 'was/were' + (V+ing) + O	I am eating pizza right now. S + 'am/is/are' + (V+ing) + O	I will be eating pizza when you arrive. S + 'will be' + (V+ing) + O
Perfect	I had eaten all of the pizza when you arrived. S + 'had' + V ₃ + O	I have eaten all of the pizza. S + 'have/has' + V ₃ + O	I will have eaten all of the pizza by the time you arrive. S + 'will have' + V ₃ + O
Perfect Continuous	I had been eating pizza for 2 hours when you arrived. S + 'had been' + (V+ing) + O	I have been eating pizza for 2 hours. S + 'have/has been' + (V+ing) + O	I will have been eating pizza for 2 hours when you arrive. S + 'will have been' + (V+ing) + O

Legend: S = Subject O = Object V = Verb (V₁ = present / V₂ = past / V₃ = past participle)

Verb tenses – explanations and exercises		Grammar	English
Verb tenses	1. Affirmative	2. Negative	3. Interrogative
Present simple	They have a car.	They don't have a car.	Do they have a car?
Present continuous	He's reading now.	He isn't reading now.	Is he reading now?
Past simple	They saw a movie.	They didn't see a movie.	Did they see a movie?
Past continuous	It was snowing.	It wasn't snowing.	Was it snowing?
Present perfect	We have been there.	We haven't been there.	Have we been there?
Present perfect continuous	You've been working hard.	You haven't been working hard.	Have you been working hard?
Past perfect	They had left for France.	They hadn't left for France.	Had they left for France?
Past perfect continuous	She had been waiting for him.	She hadn't been waiting for him.	Had she been waiting for him?
Future simple	It will snow this winter.	It won't snow this winter.	Will it snow this winter?
Future continuous	She will be traveling.	She won't be traveling.	Will she be traveling?
Future perfect	He will have arrived.	He won't have arrived.	Will he have arrived?
Future perfect continuous	You will have been working.	You won't have been working.	Will you have been working?
Conditional	I would fly there.	I wouldn't fly there.	Would you fly there?
Conditional continuous	They would be sleeping now.	They wouldn't be sleeping now.	Would they be sleeping now?
Conditional perfect	She would have been there.	She wouldn't have been there.	Would she have been there?
Future be going to	She's going to get married.	She isn't going to get married.	Is she going to get married?

