

TENSES CHART

Present - Past - Future

V1 = Base form **V2** = Past form **V3** = Past participle

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Present Tense Chart

Affirmative - Negative - Interrogative

Tense	Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative
Simple Present	Subject + V1 / V1+s/es + Object	Subject + do/does + not + V1 + Object	Do/Does + Subject + V1 + Object + ?
Present Continuous	Subject + am/is/are + V1+ing + Object	Subject + am/is/are + not + V1+ing + Object	Am/Is/Are + Subject + V1+ing + Object + ?
Present Perfect	Subject + has/have + V3 + Object	Subject + has/have + not + V3 + Object	Has/Have + Subject + V3 + Object + ?
Present Perfect Continuous	Subject + has/have + been + V1+ing + Object + since/for + time	Subject + has/have + not + been + V1+ing + Object + since/for + time	Has/Have + Subject + been + V1+ing + Object + since/for + time + ?

Key rule: In Simple Present, use V1+s/es with He/She/It in affirmative sentences. After does, always use V1.

Simple Present Tense

Present Tense

Form	Rule	Example
Affirmative	Subject + V1 / V1+s/es + Object	He plays cricket.
Negative	Subject + do/does + not + V1 + Object	He does not play cricket.
Interrogative	Do/Does + Subject + V1 + Object + ?	Does he play cricket?

He/She/It -> V1+s/es. After does -> V1 only.

Present Continuous Tense

Present Tense

Form	Rule	Example
Affirmative	Subject + am/is/are + V1+ing + Object	He is playing cricket.
Negative	Subject + am/is/are + not + V1+ing + Object	He is not playing cricket.
Interrogative	Am/Is/Are + Subject + V1+ing + Object + ?	Is he playing cricket?

I -> am | He/She/It -> is | You/We/They -> are

Present Perfect Tense

Present Tense

Form	Rule	Example
Affirmative	Subject + has/have + V3 + Object	He has completed his work.
Negative	Subject + has/have + not + V3 + Object	He has not completed his work.
Interrogative	Has/Have + Subject + V3 + Object + ?	Has he completed his work?

He/She/It -> has | I/You/We/They -> have

Present Perfect Continuous Tense

Present Tense

Form	Rule	Example
Affirmative	Subject + has/have + been + V1+ing + Object + since/for + time	He has been studying for two hours.
Negative	Subject + has/have + not + been + V1+ing + Object + since/for + time	He has not been studying for two hours.
Interrogative	Has/Have + Subject + been + V1+ing + Object + since/for + time + ?	Has he been studying for two hours?

Since = starting point | For = duration

Past Tense Chart

Affirmative - Negative - Interrogative

Tense	Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative
Simple Past	Subject + V2 + Object	Subject + did + not + V1 + Object	Did + Subject + V1 + Object + ?
Past Continuous	Subject + was/were + V1+ing + Object	Subject + was/were + not + V1+ing + Object	Was/Were + Subject + V1+ing + Object + ?
Past Perfect	Subject + had + V3 + Object	Subject + had + not + V3 + Object	Had + Subject + V3 + Object + ?
Past Perfect Continuous	Subject + had + been + V1+ing + Object + since/for + time	Subject + had + not + been + V1+ing + Object + since/for + time	Had + Subject + been + V1+ing + Object + since/for + time + ?

Key rule: In Simple Past negative and interrogative sentences, use did + V1, not V2.

Simple Past Tense

Past Tense

Form	Rule	Example
Affirmative	Subject + V2 + Object	He played cricket.
Negative	Subject + did + not + V1 + Object	He did not play cricket.
Interrogative	Did + Subject + V1 + Object + ?	Did he play cricket?

After did, always use V1: did go, did play, did write.

Past Continuous Tense

Past Tense

Form	Rule	Example
Affirmative	Subject + was/were + V1+ing + Object	He was playing cricket.
Negative	Subject + was/were + not + V1+ing + Object	He was not playing cricket.
Interrogative	Was/Were + Subject + V1+ing + Object + ?	Was he playing cricket?

I/He/She/It -> was | You/We/They -> were

Past Perfect Tense

Past Tense

Form	Rule	Example
Affirmative	Subject + had + V3 + Object	He had completed his work.
Negative	Subject + had + not + V3 + Object	He had not completed his work.
Interrogative	Had + Subject + V3 + Object + ?	Had he completed his work?

Use had with every subject.

Past Perfect Continuous Tense

Past Tense

Form	Rule	Example
Affirmative	Subject + had + been + V1+ing + Object + since/for + time	He had been studying for two hours.
Negative	Subject + had + not + been + V1+ing + Object + since/for + time	He had not been studying for two hours.
Interrogative	Had + Subject + been + V1+ing + Object + since/for + time + ?	Had he been studying for two hours?

Since = starting point | For = duration

Future Tense Chart

Affirmative - Negative - Interrogative

Tense	Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative
Simple Future	Subject + will + V1 + Object	Subject + will + not + V1 + Object	Will + Subject + V1 + Object + ?
Future Continuous	Subject + will + be + V1+ing + Object	Subject + will + not + be + V1+ing + Object	Will + Subject + be + V1+ing + Object + ?
Future Perfect	Subject + will + have + V3 + Object	Subject + will + not + have + V3 + Object	Will + Subject + have + V3 + Object + ?
Future Perfect Continuous	Subject + will + have + been + V1+ing + Object + since/for + time	Subject + will + not + have + been + V1+ing + Object + since/for + time	Will + Subject + have + been + V1+ing + Object + since/for + time + ?

Key rule: Use will + V1 for Simple Future. In negative sentences, will not can be shortened to won't.

Simple Future Tense

Future Tense

Form	Rule	Example
Affirmative	Subject + will + V1 + Object	He will play cricket.
Negative	Subject + will + not + V1 + Object	He will not play cricket.
Interrogative	Will + Subject + V1 + Object + ?	Will he play cricket?

Will is used with all subjects in modern English.

Future Continuous Tense

Future Tense

Form	Rule	Example
Affirmative	Subject + will + be + V1+ing + Object	He will be playing cricket.
Negative	Subject + will + not + be + V1+ing + Object	He will not be playing cricket.
Interrogative	Will + Subject + be + V1+ing + Object + ?	Will he be playing cricket?

Structure: will + be + V1+ing

Future Perfect Tense

Future Tense

Form	Rule	Example
Affirmative	Subject + will + have + V3 + Object	He will have completed his work.
Negative	Subject + will + not + have + V3 + Object	He will not have completed his work.
Interrogative	Will + Subject + have + V3 + Object + ?	Will he have completed his work?

Structure: will + have + V3

Future Perfect Continuous Tense

Future Tense

Form	Rule	Example
Affirmative	Subject + will + have + been + V1+ing + Object + since/for + time	He will have been studying for two hours.
Negative	Subject + will + not + have + been + V1+ing + Object + since/for + time	He will not have been studying for two hours.
Interrogative	Will + Subject + have + been + V1+ing + Object + since/for + time + ?	Will he have been studying for two hours?

Structure: will + have + been + V1+ing