

## Tenses

The word 'tense' means time. The grammatical tense refers to specific forms of verbs used to show the time of an action . There are three types of tenses in grammar. They are-

1.Present Tense

2.Past Tense

3. Future Tense

### TENSE CHART

TENSE	PRESENT	PAST	FUTURE
<b>SIMPLE/ INDEFINITE</b>	Sub +V1 + obj. eg I write a letter.	Sub + V2 + obj. eg. I wrote a letter.	Sub. + will/ shall + V1 +obj. eg. I shall write a letter.
<b>CONTINUOUS</b>	Sub+ is /am/ are + -ing form of verb + Obj eg. I am writing a letter.	Sub. + was/ were + - ing form of verb + Obj. eg I was writing a letter.	Sub. + will/ shall + be + -ing form of verb + Obj eg. I shall be writing a letter.
<b>PERFECT</b>	Sub. + has/ have + V3+ Obj. eg. I have written a letter.	Sub. + had + V3 + Obj. eg. I had written a letter.	Sub+ will/ shall + have + V3+ Obj. eg. I shall have written a letter.
<b>PERFECT CONTINUOUS</b>	Sub + has/ have + been + -ing form of verb + Obj. eg. I have been writing a letter.	Sub.+ had + been + -ing form of verb + Obj. eg. I had been writing a letter.	Sub+ will/ shall + have + been + -ing form of verb + Obj. eg. I shall have been writing a letter.

### PRESENT TENSE

**1.SIMPLE PRESENT / INDEFINITE-** It is used to show habitual action or universal truth.

Structure- Sub + V1 + Obj

Examples-1. The earth **revolves** around the sun.

2. The dog **barks** at the strangers.

**2.PRESENT CONTINUOUS** – It is used for an action in progress at the time of speaking.

Structure – Sub + is/ am / are + V1 + ing + Obj.

Example- I **am playing** football.

**3.PRESENT PERFECT** – It is used for recently completed action.

Structure - Sub+ has/ have + V3 + Obj.

Example –He **has bought** a new car.

**4.PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS** – It is used for an action which began in the past and is still going on.

Structure – Sub. + has/ have + been + V1+ing + Obj

Example- She **has been cleaning** her room since morning.

### **PAST TENSE**

**1.SIMPLE PAST / INDEFINITE** – It is used for an action completed in the past.

Structure – Sub+ V2 + Obj.

Example – He **went** to the station at 7 a. m.

**2.PAST CONTINUOUS** – It is used for an action that continued for sometime in the past.

Structure – Sub + was/ were + V1 + ing + Obj.

Example – They **were waiting** for the bus.

**3.PAST PERFECT** – It is used for an action completed in the past before another action happened.

Structure – Sub. + had + V3 + Obj.

Example– I **had locked** the house before the phone rang.

**4.PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS** – It is used for an action that continued over a period of time upto a point in the past.

Structure – Sub + had + been + V1 + ing + Obj

Example– Father **had been resting** when his friend came to visit him.

**NOTE:-** *When we talk about two events that occurred in past one after the other in the past. In such cases, the first event is expressed using the past perfect tense and the latter event is expressed using the simple past tense.*

Example- Tanuj **had** just **finished** the dinner when Meeta **called**.

### **FUTURE TENSE**

**1.SIMPLE FUTURE/ INDEFINITE** – It is used for an action which will take place at a certain future time.

Structure – Sub. + will/ shall + V1 + Obj.

Example –I **will help** you after school tomorrow.

**2.FUTURE CONTINUOUS** – It is used for an action that will be going on for some time in the future.

Structure – Sub.+ will/ shall + be + V1 + ing + Obj.

Example– I shall be going to Ooty.

**3.FUTURE PERFECT** – It is used to express actions which will be completed at a particular time in the future.

Structure – Sub. + will/ shall + have + V3+ Obj.

Example – I **will have completed** the course by next month.

**4.FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS** – It refers to the progressive events that will be completed in the future.

Structure – Sub. + will/ shall + have been + V1 + ing + Obj

Example– He **will have been collecting** information and views.

### **Abbreviations Used-**

- 1.sub - subject
- 2.obj- object
3. V1 - first or present form of verb
- 4.V2 - second or past form of verb
- V3 - third or past participle form of verb
- V1+ing - ing form or present participle form of verb

### **Exercise**

#### **I. Identify the kind of tenses in the following sentences..**

1. I am talking to my aunt.
2. My brother and I walk to school daily.
3. She will have found a solution to this problem
4. Geeta invited Riya to her house to play.
5. It had been raining for an hour

#### **III. Do as directed.**

1. I woke up several times at night. ( change into simple present)
2. Sanjay was working on the project. (change into present perfect continuous)
3. Brijesh will take his brother to the science fair. ( change into past perfect)
4. Manish invited Vivek to the party. (change into future continuous)
5. Grandma wore her favourite red sari to the wedding. ( change into simple future)

#### **IIII. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of verb.**

1. Five years from now our company \_\_\_\_\_(celebrate) its twenty fifth anniversary.
2. At the end of the yesterday's yoga class the instructor \_\_\_\_\_(tell) us to \_\_\_\_\_(lie) down, close our eyes and \_\_\_\_\_(relax).

3. Umesh \_\_\_\_\_(go) to school everyday.
4. Sanjeev \_\_\_\_\_(look) everywhere for the actor but he \_\_\_\_\_(disappear)
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ ( not notice) that the red light \_\_\_\_\_( change) into green.

### Solutions.-

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Present continuous tense

2. My brother and I **walk** to school daily.

Simple present tense

3. She **will have found** a solution to this problem

Future perfect tense

4. Geeta **invited** Riya to her house to play.

Simple past tense

5. It **had been raining** for an hour

Past perfect continuous tense

#### **III. Do as directed.**

1. I woke up several times at night. ( change into simple present)

Ans: I wake up several times at night.

2. Sanjay was working on the project. (change into present perfect continuous)

Ans: Sanjay has been working on the project.

3. Brijesh will take his brother to the science fair. ( change into past perfect)

Ans: Brijesh had taken his brother to the science fair.

4. Manish invited Vivek to the party. (change into future continuous)

Ans: Manish will be inviting Vivek to the party.

5. Grandma wore her favourite red sari to the wedding. ( change into simple future)

Ans:Grandma will wear her favourite red sari to the wedding.

**III. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of verbs.**

- 1.Five years from now our company **will be celebrating** (celebrate) its twenty fifth anniversary.
- 2.At the end of yesterday's yoga class the instructor **told** (tell) us to **lie** (lie) down, close our eyes and **relax.** (relax).
- 3.Umesh **goes**(go) to school everyday.
- 4.Sanjeev **looked**(look) everywhere for the actor but he **had disappeared**(disappear)
- 5.I **did not**( not notice) that the red light **had changed**( change) into green.