
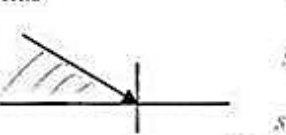
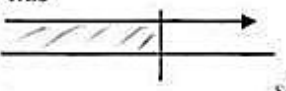
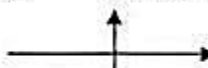



## The 12 Verb Tenses

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

**Legend:** S = Subject    O = Object    V = Verb (V<sub>1</sub> = present / V<sub>2</sub> = past / V<sub>3</sub> = past participle)

	Simple	Continuous	Perfect	Perfect continuous
<b>Present</b>	<b>V V+s</b> <i>every day</i> <i>always</i> <i>on Mondays</i> <i>usually</i> <i>sometimes</i> <i>seldom</i> <i>rarely</i> <i>never</i> <i>at weekends</i>  <b>Do Does+V?</b>  <b>don't doesn't +V</b>	<b>am is + Ving are</b>  <i>at the moment</i> <i>now = right now</i> <i>till = still</i> <i>while = as</i>	<b>have + V<sup>3</sup> has</b>  <i>just</i> <i>already</i> <i>never</i> <i>ever</i> <i>yet</i> <i>since</i> <i>for</i> <i>so far</i> <i>this month</i> <i>lately</i> <i>recently</i>	<b>have + been Ving has</b>  <i>since</i> <i>for</i> <i>How long ...?</i>
<b>Past</b>	<b>Ved V<sup>2</sup></b> <i>yesterday</i> <i>last month</i> <i>2 days ago</i> <i>in 1990</i> <i>then</i> <i>when I was ...</i> <i>How long ago ...?</i>  <b>Did +V?</b>  <b>didn't + V</b>	<b>was + Ving were</b> <i>while = as</i> <i>when</i> <i>all morning</i> 	<b>had + V<sup>3</sup></b>  <i>before</i> <i>after</i> <i>by the time</i> <i>by</i> <i>for</i> <i>since</i> <i>when</i>	<b>had + been Ving</b> <i>for</i> <i>since</i> <i>How long ...?</i> <i>before</i>
<b>Future</b>	<b>shall will + V</b> <i>tomorrow</i> <i>tonight</i> <i>next week</i> <i>in a month</i> <i>in two days</i> <i>soon</i>  <b>am is + going to V are</b>	<b>shall will + be Ving</b>  <i>this time tomorrow</i> <i>this time next week</i>	<b>shall will + have V<sup>3</sup></b> <i>before</i> <i>by the time</i> <i>until / till</i> <i>by then</i>	<b>shall will + have been Ving</b>  <i>by .... for....</i> <i>by the time .... for...</i>

# The 12 Verb Tenses - Usage

	Past	Present	Future
Simple	<p>I <b>ate</b> pizza yesterday.</p> <p>To indicate a past habit – or an action already completed.</p> <p>Can be used with or without adverbs of time.</p>	<p>I <b>eat</b> pizza everyday.</p> <p>To express habits or general truth.</p> <p>To indicate a future event on a designated date as part of a plan or arrangement.</p> <p>With 'mental action' verbs: <i>like, love, want, need, believe, etc.</i></p>	<p>I <b>will eat</b> pizza tomorrow.</p> <p>To indicate an action, condition, or circumstance which hasn't taken place yet.</p>
Continuous	<p>I <b>was eating</b> pizza when you arrived.</p> <p>To indicate uncompleted action of the past (with or without time reference)</p> <p>To indicate persistent habits of the past (with <i>always, continuously, forever, etc.</i>)</p>	<p>I <b>am eating</b> pizza right now.</p> <p>To indicate action going on at the time of speaking.</p> <p>To indicate temporary action which may not be happening at the time of speaking.</p> <p>With a habitual action verb, especially to indicate a stubborn habit.</p>	<p>I <b>will be eating</b> pizza when you arrive.</p> <p>To indicate what will be going on at some time in the future.</p> <p>To indicate planned future events.</p>
Perfect	<p>I <b>had eaten</b> all of the pizza when you arrived.</p> <p>To indicate a completed action of the past that happened before another event took place.</p>	<p>I <b>have eaten</b> all of the pizza.</p> <p>To indicate past action which is not defined by a time of occurrence.</p> <p>To indicate an action which started in the past and has continued up until now.</p>	<p>I <b>will have eaten</b> all of the pizza by the time you arrive.</p> <p>To indicate an action that will be complete before another event takes place.</p>
Perfect Continuous	<p>I <b>had been eating</b> pizza for 2 hours when you arrived.</p> <p>To indicate an action in the past that began before a certain point in the past and continued up until that time.</p>	<p>I <b>have been eating</b> pizza for 2 hours.</p> <p>To indicate an action which started at some point in the past and may or may not be complete.</p>	<p>I <b>will have been eating</b> pizza for 2 hours when you arrive.</p> <p>To indicate an action that will have happened for some time and will not be complete yet at a certain point in the future.</p>