

## Tenses

tense		form	use	signal words
simple present	<p>I <b>play</b> volleyball.                      He <b>plays</b> football.                      I <b>don't play</b> badminton.  <b>Do</b> you <b>play</b> basketball?                      Yes. I <b>do</b>. No, I <b>don't</b>.</p>	<p><b>he, she, it – das s muss mit</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- something happens regularly</li> <li>- permanent state</li> <li>- hobby, job</li> <li>- talk about films, books</li> </ul>	<p>often, usually, always,                      sometimes, every                      Friday, on Mondays</p>
present progressive	<p>I <b>am playing</b> football.                      He <b>isn't playing</b> volleyball.  <b>Are</b> you <b>playing</b> football?                      Yes, I <b>am</b>. No, I <b>'m not</b>.</p>	<p><b>be + -ing</b>                      ↓                      am/is/are</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- when an action is just now in progress</li> </ul>	<p>at the moment, now</p>
simple past	<p>I <b>played</b> football.                      He <b>wrote</b> a letter.                      We <b>didn't watch</b> the film.  <b>Did</b> you <b>meet</b> her?                      Yes, I <b>did</b>. No, I <b>didn't</b>.</p>	<p><b>verb + -ed</b>                      or  <b>irreg. form</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- when we want to say when something happened</li> <li>- reports, story</li> </ul>	<p>yesterday, last night,                      last Monday, in 2004,                      2 days ago</p>
past progressive	<p>I <b>was playing</b> football.                      We <b>were watching</b> TV.                      I <b>wasn't reading</b> a book.  <b>Were</b> you <b>playing</b> cards?                      Yes, we <b>were</b>. No, we <b>weren't</b>.</p>	<p><b>be + -ing</b>                      ↓                      was / were</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- when an action or event was in progress at a particular time in the past</li> </ul>	

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present perfect	I <b>have played</b> football. He <b>has written</b> a book. We <b>haven't met</b> her. <b>Have</b> you <b>seen</b> him? Yes, we <b>have</b> . No, we <b>haven't</b> .	<b>have/has + past participle</b>	- when we want to say that something has happened (fact is important, not the time) - when we want to say how long a <u>state</u> has already lasted	already, before, ever, just, never, up to now, yet - since (May), for (5 years), all week - how long...?
present perfect progressive	I <b>have been playing</b> football. He <b>has been writing</b> a book. We <b>haven't been waiting</b> . <b>Have</b> you <b>been reading</b> ? Yes, I <b>have</b> . No, I <b>haven't</b> .	<b>have/has + been + -ing</b>	- when an <u>action or event</u> began in the past and has continued up to the present	- all day, the whole morning, - since (yesterday), for (an hour) - how long...?
past perfect	I <b>had read</b> the book. He <b>hadn't written</b> . <b>Had</b> you <b>played</b> ? Yes, I <b>had</b> . No, I <b>hadn't</b> .	<b>had + past participle</b>	- when an action or event had already happened before a point of time in the past	
past perfect progressive	I <b>had been writing</b> . He <b>hadn't been playing</b> . <b>Had</b> you <b>been reading</b> ? Yes, I <b>had</b> . No, I <b>hadn't</b> .	<b>had + been + -ing</b>	- when an action or event had begun before a point of time in the past and continued up to that time	

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will future	<p>I <b>will write</b>.</p> <p>I <b>will not write</b>.</p> <p>I <b>won't write</b>.</p> <p><b>Will</b> you <b>come</b>?</p> <p>Yes, I <b>will</b>. No, I <b>won't</b>.</p>	<p><b>will + infinitive</b></p>	<p>- prediction or assumption about the future</p> <p>- a spontaneous decision, an offer, a promise</p>	<p>I think,</p> <p>I'm sure,</p> <p>I suppose,</p> <p>I believe,</p> <p>I hope,</p> <p>perhaps, maybe</p>
going-to-future	<p>I <b>am going to write</b>.</p> <p>He <b>is going to come</b>.</p> <p>We <b>aren't going to write</b>.</p> <p><b>Are</b> you <b>going to come</b>?</p> <p>Yes, we <b>are</b>. No, we <b>aren't</b>.</p>	<p><b>be + going to + infinitive</b></p> <p>are. is, am</p>	<p>- intentions or plans for the future</p> <p>- when something will very probably happen because there are already signs of it happening</p>	

! There are also other ways of expressing future time.