

TENSES IN ENGLISH

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Present Simple

When to use it:	Future in time	Future time tables	Habits	Short actions Now	Always True	Permanent situations
Examples:	Our taxi arrives at 10 O' clock	I won't paint the house <u>until</u> it gets warmer.	I brush my teeth everyday.	She runs the race and wins.	Water boils at 100 degrees.	I live in the Netherlands.
	We take off this evening.	We can use: Until, as soon as, before or after.	I go to gym twice a week. Twice a week, often, on Mondays, sometimes.	She hits the ball and misses	Four plus four is eight.	

Present Continuous

When to use it:	Irritating habits	Definite future plans	Temporary habits	Unfinished actions happening now	Temporary situations	
Examples	You are always losing your bank card	I am leaving soon.	He's gyming a lot lately.	I am speaking now.	I am living in the Netherlands	
	He is constantly hitting his head on there!	I am meeting Sharon later.	She is eating a lot less these days.	She is working at the moment.	I am working here this week.	

Present perfect

When to use it:	How long	Unfinished time word	Present result	News and recent events	Life experience	
Finished		<p>I haven't seen her this year.</p> <p>I have been to the library this week.</p>	<p>I have lost my car keys. (I cannot get into my car)</p>	<p>The Queen has died.</p> <p>The Prince has been sick recently.</p>	<p>I have been to Thailand.</p> <p>I have never been to Thailand.</p>	
Unfinished	<p>I have known Sarah since she was a child.</p> <p>I have worked here for 10 years.</p>					

Present perfect continuous

When to use it:	Present Result	How long
Unfinished		<p>I have been seeing him for 2 years.</p> <p><u>TEMPORARY SITUATION:</u></p> <p>I have been going to the gym alot recently.</p>
Finished	I have been gyming alot. (That is why my body is sorry now)	

Past simple

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When to use it:	Finished time word/Finished time period	The news	Actions in stories	Unreal/ imaginary things
Present future				If I won the lottery, I would travel around the world.
Past	<u>Finished time word:</u> I went to dinner last night. (last night, in 2005, 2 months ago)	He had a car crash. He has died. (Use with present perfect)	He jumped in and swam to the other side.	
	<u>Finished time period:</u> Nelson Mandela was the president of South Africa.		(Use with the past continuous)	

Past continuous

When to use it:	Overlapping Action	Story Background	Some past habits	How long - action
	I was walking in the park when I saw Sarah.	The dogs were barking, so she turned her music down.	She was always singing in those days.	I was working for hours.
	I was sitting in the train when I got robbed.		She was forever gardening.	I was fixing the bike all evening.

Past perfect

When to use it:	Unreal things in the past	How long to a point in the past	One event finished before another past event
	I wish I hadn't read my book all night.	When he got that job, he had been in the Netherlands for 4 years.	When we arrived and the film had started.
	We use: Wish / Third conditional		When + past simple, past perfect

Past perfect continuous

When to use it:	How long to a point in the past	Result at a time in the past
	<p>She had been going to that gym when she met John.</p> <p>He/she/it/ they had been + verb(ing) + when + past simple</p>	<p>The tissue was wet, she had been crying.</p> <p>Use with: Past simple</p>

Future Simple

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When to use it:	Future Predicitons	Plans and Intentions	Future Conditionals	Promises / requests/ refusals/ offers	Future prediction
Will:	<p>-The sun will set at 6pm.</p> <p>- I think Donald trump will win the next American election.</p>	<p>I will help you move house.</p> <p>I will help you fix this.</p>	<p>If it isn't cold, we will go swimming.</p> <p>If it doesn't work, we will get a new one.</p>		
Going to:				<p>A) We have no more coffee.</p> <p>B) I know, I am going to get some more today.</p>	<p>The box is getting heavier and heavier, it is going to break.</p>

Future continuous

How to use it:	Over lapping action	Future as a matter of course	
	I will be watching a movie when you get here.	The queen will be making a speech tonight.	
	Can also use:	The president will be visiting the city centre next week.	

Future perfect simple

When to use it:	How long to a point in the future	Action finished before a point in the future
	When I get married, I will have known Sarah for 8 years.	By 4 O'clock I will have finished work.

Future perfect continuous

How to use it:	How long to a point in the future	Action finished before a point in the future
	<p>In June, she will have been walking for two years.</p> <p>Use with: when + present simple, by the time + present simple, for + time.</p>	<p>When I get there, I will have been flying for 10 hours. (I will be very tired)</p>
		<p>when + present simple, by the time + present simple</p>