

UNIT 1 - REVIEW OF SIMPLE AND CONTINUOUS TENSES

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| <p>PRESENT SIMPLE root of verb, root + s / es (-) do, does + not + root of verb (?) Do / Does + subject + root of verb</p> | <p>a. a habitual action b. general truths c. stative verbs d. future (talking about timetables and schedules)</p> | <p>She takes her son to school every day. The sun sets in the west. I don't believe his story. We leave at two o'clock tomorrow.</p> |
| <p>PRESENT CONTINUOUS am / is / are + verb+ing (-) am / is / are + not + verb+ing (?) Am / Is / Are + subject + verb+ing</p> | <p>a. an action in progress at the time of speaking b. an incomplete action still in progress, usually temporary c. a planned action that will take place in the near future d. to criticize or complain about habitual behaviour (with: always; forever)</p> | <p>Someone is making a noise outside. I'm waiting for the train to arrive. We are meeting Paul tonight. He is always making rude comments to my friends.</p> |
| <p>PAST SIMPLE verb+ed, irregular verbs (-) did not + root of verb (?) Did + subject + root of verb</p> | <p>a. a completed action that took place at a definite time in the past b. several actions in the past (one after another)</p> | <p>He finished school 15 years ago. He played basketball yesterday. I didn't interview her for the job. He fell down, knocked his head and fainted.</p> |
| <p>PAST CONTINUOUS was / were + verb+ing (-) was / were not + verb+ing (?) Was / Were + subject + verb+ing</p> | <p>a. an action in progress at a specific time in the past b. two incomplete actions taking place simultaneously c. an incomplete action in the process of happening, interrupted by a completed action in the past</p> | <p>The team was practising at 4.30 pm yesterday. John was waiting at school while Tim was waiting at home. The children were cleaning their rooms when their father came home.</p> |
| <p>FUTURE will + root of verb (-) will not + root of verb (?) Will + subject + root of verb am / is / are + going to + root of verb</p> | <p>a. an action in the future – often predicted b. suggestions, offers, requests c. an action in the future – often planned</p> | <p>We'll call you at the weekend. I'll answer the phone. Will you close the door, please? She's going to buy a new car in a month's time.</p> |
| <p>FUTURE CONTINUOUS will be + verb+ing (-) will not be + verb+ing (?) Will + subject + be + verb+ing</p> | <p>a. when we know something will be in progress at a time in the future b. something that has been pre-arranged</p> | <p>I'll be doing my homework between 6.00 and 7.00 pm tomorrow night. They will be showing the same film this time next week.</p> |

PERFECT TENSES

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| <p>PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE have / has + past participle (-) have / has not + past participle (?) Have / Has + subject + past participle</p> | <p>a. an action that took place at an unstated time in the past but has present relevance</p> <p>b. an action that began in the past and continues up to the present, usually with for and since</p> <p>c. with certain time expressions such as just, already, yet, ever, never, this morning, this week</p> | <p>I have lost her phone number. My watch has stopped.</p> <p>I've worked with him for the last 10 years. She's lived in Spain since 1980. He has just arrived. I have already finished the job. Have you ever been to England?</p> |
| <p>PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS have / has been + verb+ing (-) have / has not been + verb+ing (?) Have / Has + subject + been + verb+ing</p> | <p>a. an action that began in the past and continues until the present without interruption (with for, since)</p> <p>b. for an action that has just finished and still influences the present</p> | <p>We have been waiting here for over three hours. They have been sitting there since eight o'clock this morning. Ian has been running. (He's tired.) Shelly has been swimming. (Her hair is still wet.)</p> |
| <p>PAST PERFECT SIMPLE had + past participle (-) had not + past participle (?) Had + subject + past participle</p> | <p>an activity that happened before another activity / time in the past</p> | <p>By the time I arrived, all the children had gone to bed.</p> |
| <p>PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS had been + verb+ing (-) had not been + verb+ing (?) Had + subject + been + verb+ing</p> | <p>an action which was in progress before a second action / definite time in the past, and which was completed before then</p> | <p>The grass was wet because it had been raining all night long.</p> |
| <p>FUTURE PERFECT SIMPLE will have + past participle</p> | <p>an activity that will be completed by a certain time in the future</p> | <p>By tomorrow, the painters will have finished the house.</p> |
| <p>FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS will have been + verb+ing</p> | <p>an activity that has begun and will still be in progress by a specific time in the future</p> | <p>By the end of the year, I will have been working here for 20 years.</p> |