

English Tenses

Tense	Examples
simple present	He sings. I eat. She draws.
present progressive	I am running. They are going to the store. The class is learning math today.
simple past	I drew a picture. Kelly rode a bike. John started college in January.
past progressive	He was working on his art thesis all day. The first grade class was loving the zoo. Kyle and Sam were eating pasta last night.
simple present perfect	He hasn't learned. I have gone. I haven't eaten in three days.
present perfect progressive	She has been going to the gym for three weeks. They have been writing a poem for the past week. The children have been waiting for you all day.
past perfect progressive	He hadn't been working for three years before the company sought him out. Carla hadn't been going to the gym since she lost a lot of weight through dieting. Jonathan hadn't been studying for the examination; therefore, he failed the test.
simple past perfect	The class had worked really hard on their final project for the year. She had like the movie, until she read the description of what it was about. Katherine hadn't enjoyed the ice cream that her friend made at home.
future	We will sign up for classes next Thursday. They will try out the new restaurant the next time they go into the city., The soccer team will practice harder so that they have a better chance of winning.
future progressive	He will be working next Tuesday. They will be learning about the environment in class next Tuesday. Jessica's baseball team will be winning every game.
simple future progressive	I won't have walked around the part this weekend. They will not have gone to the store by Sunday. He won't have gone.
future perfect progressive	I'll have been working for seven hours come three o'clock. He'll have been running for three hours in a few minutes. She'll have been studying for five hours by the time the test rolls around.
conditional simple	I would try. She would go. He would run.
conditional progressive	They would be running. She would be cooking. He would be lying.
conditional perfect	He would have sang. She would have cried. The basketball team would have practiced.