



Simple tenses	Example	Perfect tenses	Example
<p>Past – when an action took place at a specific time and <u>is now finished</u>.</p> <p>Present – when an action is taking <u>place now</u>.</p> <p>Future – when an action will take place in the future.</p>	<p>I <u>walked</u> into the monster’s cave.</p> <p>I <u>walk</u> into the monster’s cave.</p> <p>I <u>will walk</u> into the monster’s cave.</p>	<p>Past perfect – is used to say when an action was completed in the past. The past tense of the verb ‘to have’ + past participle of verb.</p> <p>Present perfect – is used to say when:</p> <p>An action has recently finished using ‘just’.</p> <p>An action that has started in the past and is still going.</p>	<p>I had walked in the monster’s cave.</p> <p>I have just walked in the monster’s cave.</p> <p>I have worked in the bank for five years.</p>
<p>Progressive tenses</p>	<p>Example</p>	<p>The time period has not finished.</p>	<p>I have not seen her today.</p>
<p>Past progressive – used for a continuous action in the past. The past tense of ‘to be’ + present participle of the verb (verb ends in –ing).</p> <p>Present progressive – used for an action that is happening at the moment of speaking. The present tense of ‘to be’ + present participle of the verb (verb ends in –ing).</p> <p>Future progressive – used for an action that will be continuing in the future. The future tense of ‘to be’ + present participle of the verb (verb ends in –ing).</p>	<p>I was walking in the monster’s cave.</p> <p>He/She was...</p> <p>You/We/They were...</p> <p>I am walking in the monster’s cave.</p> <p>He/She is...</p> <p>You/We/They are...</p> <p>I will be walking in the monster’s cave.</p> <p>He/She will be...</p> <p>You/We/They will be...</p>	<p>When the time period is not important or known.</p> <p>The action is repeated in a period between the past and now.</p> <p>The present tense of the verb ‘to have’ + past participle of verb.</p> <p>Future perfect – is used to say when an action will have been completed in the future. The future tense of the verb ‘to have’ + past participle of verb.</p>	<p>I have studied French, Russian and German.</p> <p>I have eaten at that restaurant several times.</p> <p>I will have walked in the monster’s cave.</p>