

English Tense

Learn Complete English Tense with example

English Tenses are the basic building block of English. To speak fluent English, to impress others and to score good in competitive exam, you need to learn and master all the **fundamentals of English tenses** and then start using them correctly in your sentences. Tenses are very important to the competitive exam aspects. For example, govt exams like SSC CGL, SSC CHSL, Bank Jobs, IBPS, BPSC, UPSC and all B and C grade exams gives enormous importance to tense. Lets explore the tense from very scratch to expert level and **learn English tense step by step with example.**

What Is Tense:

A form of a verb which defines the time and state of an action is called tense.

There are three types of tense:

1. Past Tense
2. Present Tense

3. Future tense

Again each tense is categorized in four types, Total 12 Tense:

1. Simple or Indefinite Tense
2. Continuous or progressive Tense
3. Perfect Tense
4. Perfect continuous or progressive Tense

Lets study each tense in detail. We will learn verb to use in present, past and future tense and also practice the exercise to remember for the future use.

We will discuss every tense in detail in separate article (links given at end of this article) with bunch of examples and practice question so that you can make your understanding better.

Present Tense:

It is being used to express events which are currently happening or habitually done.

There are mainly four type of tense in present tense (example):

1. Present simple Tense (He goes to school.)
2. Present Continuous Tense (He is going to school.)
3. Present Perfect Tense (He has gone to school.)
4. Present Perfect continuous Tense (He has been going to school since 1998.)

Past Tense:

It is used to represents all the events which happened in past or started in past. The time of action in Past tense can be recent past or long back ago (distant past).

There are mainly four type of tense in past tense (example):

1. Past Simple Tense (He went to school.)
2. Past Continuous Tense (He was going to school.)
3. Past Perfect Tense (He had gone to school before you came.)
4. Past Perfect continuous Tense (He had been going to school since 2007.)

Future Tense:

Tense which is being used to express events which will happen later is called Future tense. All the action which not started yet but will occur in future.

There are mainly four type of tense in present tense (example):

1. Future simple Tense (He will go to school.)
2. Future Continuous Tense (He will be going to school.)
3. Future Perfect Tense (He will have gone to school.)
4. Future Perfect continuous Tense (He will have been going to school since 2016.)

Note: We have covered all the 12 tenses in detail, open below links to read and practice English Tense separately.

Present:

1. Present Simple Tense
2. Present Continuous Tense
3. Present Perfect Tense
4. Present Perfect continuous Tense

Past:

1. Past Simple Tense
2. Past Continuous Tense
3. Past Perfect Tense
4. Past Perfect continuous Tense

Future:

1. Future Simple Tense
2. Future Continuous Tense
3. Future Perfect Tense
4. Future Perfect continuous Tense