

Tense	Signal words	Use	Form	Examples affirmative	Examples negative	Examples interrogative
Simple Present	<b>every day</b> <b>sometimes</b> <b>always</b> <b>often</b> <b>usually</b> <b>seldom</b> <b>never</b> <b>first ... then</b>	Something that happens repeatedly how often something happens one action follows another things in general with the following verbs (to love, to hate, to think, etc.)	<b>Infinitive</b> he/she/it + <b>-s</b>	I <b>work</b> . He <b>works</b> . I <b>go</b> . He <b>goes</b> .	I <b>don't work</b> . He <b>doesn't work</b> . I <b>don't go</b> . He <b>doesn't go</b> .	<b>Do</b> I <b>work</b> ? <b>Does</b> he <b>work</b> ? <b>Do</b> I <b>go</b> ? <b>Does</b> he <b>go</b> ?
Present Continuous	<b>now</b> <b>at the moment</b> <b>Look!</b> <b>Listen!</b>	something is happening at the same time of speaking or around it future meaning: when you have already <b>decided and arranged</b> to do it (a fixed plan, date)	<b>to be (am/are/is) + Infinitive + ing</b>	I'm <b>working</b> . He's <b>working</b> . I'm <b>going</b> . He's <b>going</b> .	I'm <b>not working</b> . He <b>isn't working</b> . I'm <b>not going</b> . He <b>isn't going</b> .	<b>Am</b> I <b>working</b> ? <b>Is</b> he <b>working</b> ? <b>Am</b> I <b>going</b> ? <b>Is</b> he <b>going</b> ?
Simple Past	<b>last ...</b> <b>... ago in</b> <b>1990</b> <b>yesterday</b>	action took place in the past, mostly connected with an expression of time (no connection to the present)	regular: <b>Infinitive + -ed</b> irregular: <b>2. Spalte</b>	I <b>worked</b> . He <b>worked</b> . I <b>went</b> . He <b>went</b> .	I <b>didn't work</b> . He <b>didn't work</b> . I <b>didn't go</b> . He <b>didn't go</b> .	<b>Did</b> I <b>work</b> ? <b>Did</b> he <b>work</b> ? <b>Did</b> I <b>go</b> ? <b>Did</b> he <b>go</b> ?

Past Continuous	while	<p>an action happened in the middle of another action.</p> <p>Someone was doing something at a certain time (in the past) - you don't know whether it was finished or not</p>	was/were + Infinitive + -ing	<p>I <b>was</b> working.</p> <p>He <b>was</b> working.</p> <p>I <b>was</b> going.</p> <p>He <b>was</b> going.</p>	<p>I <b>wasn't</b> working.</p> <p>He <b>wasn't</b> working.</p> <p>I <b>wasn't</b>going.</p> <p>He <b>wasn't</b> going.</p>	<p><b>Was</b> I working?</p> <p><b>Was</b> he working?</p> <p><b>Was</b> I going?</p> <p><b>Was</b> he going?</p>
Simple Present Perfect	just yet never ever already so far, up to now, since for recently	<p>you say that sth. has happened or is finished in the past and it has a connection to the present</p> <p>action started in the past and continues up to the present</p>	have/has + past participle*  *(infinitive + -ed) or (3rd column of table of irregular verbs)	<p>I <b>have</b> worked.</p> <p>He <b>has</b> worked.</p> <p>I <b>have</b> gone.</p> <p>He <b>has</b> gone.</p>	<p>I <b>haven't</b> worked.</p> <p>He <b>hasn't</b> worked.</p> <p>I <b>haven't</b> gone.</p> <p>He <b>hasn't</b> gone.</p>	<p><b>Have</b> I worked?</p> <p><b>Has</b> he worked?</p> <p><b>Have</b> I gone?</p> <p><b>Has</b> he gone?</p>
Present Perfect Continuous	all day the whole day how long since for	<p>action began in the past and has just stopped</p> <p>how long the action has been happening</p> <p><b>emphasis: length of time of an action</b></p>	have/has + been + Infinitive + -ing	<p>I <b>have been</b> working.</p> <p>He <b>has been</b> working.</p> <p>I <b>have been</b> going.</p> <p>He <b>has been</b> going.</p>	<p>I <b>haven't been</b> working.</p> <p>He <b>hasn't been</b> working.</p> <p>I <b>haven't been</b> going.</p> <p>He <b>hasn't been</b> going.</p>	<p><b>Have</b> I been working?</p> <p><b>Has</b> he been working?</p> <p><b>Have</b> I been going?</p> <p><b>Has</b> he been going?</p>

Simple Past Perfect	<b>already</b> <b>just</b> <b>never</b>	mostly when two actions in a story are related to each other: the action which had already happened is put into past perfect, the other action into simple past  the past of the Present Perfect	<b>had + past participle*</b>  *( <b>infinitive</b> + <b>-ed</b> ) or ( <b>3rd column of table of irregular verbs</b> )	I <b>had worked</b> .  He <b>had worked</b> .  I <b>had gone</b> .  He <b>had gone</b> .	I <b>hadn't worked</b> .  He <b>hadn't worked</b> .  I <b>hadn't gone</b> .  He <b>hadn't gone</b> .	<b>Had I worked?</b>  <b>Had he worked?</b>  <b>Had I gone?</b>  <b>Had he gone?</b>
Past Perfect Continuous	<b>how long</b> <b>since</b> <b>for</b>	how long something had been happening before something else happened	<b>had + been + Infinitive + ing</b>	I <b>had been working</b> .  He <b>had been working</b> .  I <b>had been going</b> .  He <b>had been going</b> .	I <b>hadn't been working</b> .  He <b>hadn't been working</b> .  I <b>hadn't been going</b> .  He <b>hadn't been going</b> .	<b>Had I been working?</b>  <b>Had he been working?</b>  <b>Had I been going?</b>  <b>Had he been going?</b>
will - future		predictions about the future (you think that sth will happen)  you decide to do sth. spontaneously at the time of speaking, you haven't made a main clause in type I of the if clauses	<b>will + Infinitive</b>	I'll <b>work</b> .  He'll <b>work</b> .  I'll <b>go</b> .  He'll <b>go</b> .	I <b>won't work</b> .  He <b>won't work</b> .  I <b>won't go</b> .  He <b>won't go</b> .	<b>Will I work?</b>  <b>Will he work?</b>  <b>Will I go?</b>  <b>Will he go?</b>
going to - future		when you have already decided to do sth. in the future  what you think what will happen	<b>be (am/are/is) + going to + Infinitive</b>	I'm <b>going to work</b> .  He's <b>going to work</b> .  I'm <b>going to go</b> .  He's <b>going to go</b> .	I'm <b>not going to work</b> .  He's <b>not going to work</b> .  I'm <b>not going to go</b> .  He's <b>not going to go</b> .	<b>Am I going to work?</b>  <b>Is he going to work?</b>  <b>Am I going to go?</b>  <b>Is he going to go?</b>

Future Continuous		<p>An action will be in progress at a certain time in the future. This action has begun before the certain time.</p> <p>Something happens because it normally happens.</p>	<p><b>will + be + Infinitive + ing</b></p>	<p>I'll <b>be working</b>.</p> <p>He'll <b>be working</b>.</p> <p>I'll <b>be going</b>.</p> <p>He'll <b>be going</b>.</p>	<p>I <b>won't be working</b>.</p> <p>He <b>won't be working</b>.</p> <p>I <b>won't be going</b>.</p> <p>He <b>won't be going</b>.</p>	<p><b>Will I be working?</b></p> <p><b>Will he be working?</b></p> <p><b>Will I be going?</b></p> <p><b>Will he be going?</b></p>
Future Perfect Simple		<p>sth. will already have happened before a certain time in the future</p>	<p><b>will + have + past participle*</b></p> <p>*(<b>infinitive + -ed</b>) or (<b>3rd column of table of irregular verbs</b>)</p>	<p>I'll <b>have worked</b>.</p> <p>He'll <b>have worked</b>.</p> <p>I'll <b>have gone</b>.</p> <p>He'll <b>have gone</b>.</p>	<p>I <b>won't have worked</b>.</p> <p>He <b>won't have worked</b>.</p> <p>I <b>won't have gone</b>.</p> <p>He <b>won't have gone</b>.</p>	<p><b>Will I have worked?</b></p> <p><b>Will he have worked?</b></p> <p><b>Will I have gone?</b></p> <p><b>Will he have gone?</b></p>
Future Perfect Continuous		<p>sth. will already have happened before a certain time in the future</p> <p><b>emphasis: length of time of an action</b></p>	<p><b>will + have + been + Infinitive + ing</b></p>	<p>I'll <b>have been working</b>.</p> <p>He'll <b>have been working</b>.</p> <p>I'll <b>have been going</b>.</p> <p>He'll <b>have been going</b>.</p>	<p>I <b>won't have been working</b>.</p> <p>He <b>won't have been working</b>.</p> <p>I <b>won't have been going</b>.</p> <p>He <b>won't have been going</b>.</p>	<p><b>Will I have been working?</b></p> <p><b>Will he have been working?</b></p> <p><b>Will I have been going?</b></p> <p><b>Will he have been going?</b></p>
Conditional Simple		<p>sth. that might happen</p> <p>main clause in type II of the if clauses</p>	<p><b>would + Infinitive</b></p>	<p>I <b>would work</b>.</p> <p>He <b>would work</b>.</p> <p>I <b>would go</b>.</p> <p>He <b>would go</b>.</p>	<p>I <b>wouldn't work</b>.</p> <p>He <b>wouldn't work</b>.</p> <p>I <b>wouldn't go</b>.</p> <p>He <b>wouldn't go</b>.</p>	<p><b>Would I work?</b></p> <p><b>Would he work?</b></p> <p><b>Would I go?</b></p> <p><b>Would he go?</b></p>

Conditional Continuous		sth. that might happen  <b>emphasis: length of time of an action</b>	<b>would + be + Infinitive + ing</b>	I <b>would be working.</b>  He <b>would be working.</b>  I <b>would be going.</b>  He <b>would be going.</b>	I <b>wouldn't be working.</b>  He <b>wouldn't be working.</b>  I <b>wouldn't be going.</b>  He <b>wouldn't be going.</b>	<b>Would I be working?</b>  <b>Would he be working?</b>  <b>Would I be going?</b>  <b>Would he be going?</b>
Conditional Perfect		sth. that might have happened in the past  (It's too late now.)  main clause in type III of the if clauses	<b>would + have + past participle*</b>  *( <b>infinitive + -ed</b> ) or ( <b>3rd column of table of irregular verbs</b> )	I <b>would have worked.</b>  He <b>would have worked.</b>  I <b>would have gone.</b>  He <b>would have gone.</b>	I <b>wouldn't have worked.</b>  He <b>wouldn't have worked.</b>  I <b>wouldn't have gone.</b>  He <b>wouldn't have gone.</b>	<b>Would I have worked?</b>  <b>Would he have worked?</b>  <b>Would I have gone?</b>  <b>Would he have gone?</b>
Conditional Perfect Continuous		sth. that might have happened in the past  (It's too late now.)  <b>emphasis: length of time of an action</b>	<b>would + have + been + Infinitive + ing</b>	I <b>would have been working.</b>  He <b>would have been going.</b>  I <b>would have been going.</b>  He <b>would have been going.</b>	I <b>wouldn't have been working.</b>  He <b>wouldn't have been going.</b>  I <b>wouldn't have been going.</b>  He <b>wouldn't have been going.</b>	<b>Would I have been working?</b>  <b>Would he have been working?</b>  <b>Would I have been going?</b>  <b>Would he have been going?</b>

\*Sth: something