

VERB TENSES

VERB TENSE	STRUCTURE	USES			EXAMPLES
		INFINITIVE	SIMPLE PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE	
		to give	gave	given	
Simple Present	inf. (tə) -s	Routine activities Timetables			He gives me a hand with my homework every day. The train for Florence leaves at 5 o'clock.
Present Continuous	am/are/is + -ing form	Actions in progress now Future programmes			She is watching TV at the moment. They are meeting tomorrow evening at 9 p.m.
Simple Past	simple past	Past actions in a specified time/ Concluded actions			Bob gave Sara a mobile for her birthday.
Past Continuous	was/were + -ing form	Actions in progress in a moment in the past			They were getting dinner ready when I called.
Present Perfect	have/has + past part.	Actions started in the past & are continuing Actions started in the past & have just finished Past actions in an unspecified time.			I have known her for years. We have eaten too much She has given her children a slice of cake each.
Past Perfect	had + past part.	A past action before another action in the past.			I had finished everything before they arrived.
Present Perfect Cont.	have/has + been + -ing form	Duration form in the present			He has been jogging <u>since</u> 2 p.m.
Past Perfect Cont.	had + been + -ing form	Duration form in the past			She had been working <u>for</u> days when she finished.
Present Conditional	would + inf. (tə)	Actions that aren't true or happening now.			She would live abroad if she could.
Past Conditional	would have + past part.	Imaginary situations in the past			He would have come with me if I had asked him.
"Going to" future	to be + going to + inf. (tə)	Intentional future actions.			They are going to give me their help.
Future with "will"	will + inf. (tə)	Predictions - Requests – Offers – Promises Decisions taken at the moment – Hypotheses			It will rain during the weekend. I'll answer the door!
Future Continuous	will be + -ing form	Actions in progress at a specific time in the future			<u>At</u> this time tomorrow they will be playing rugby.
Future Perfect	will have + past part.	Actions completed by a specific time in the future			<u>By</u> this time tomorrow he will have done his exam.
Future Perfect Cont.	Will have + been + -ing form	Duration form in the future			He will have been flying <u>for</u> 24 hours <u>by</u> tonight.

The TIME-LINE

