

Active Verb Tenses
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Simple Present

Present or Action Condition	General Truths
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I hear you. • Here comes the bus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are thirty days in September.
Non-action; Habitual Action	Future Time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I like music. • I run on Tuesdays and Sundays. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The train leaves at 4:00 p.m.

Present Progressive

Activity in Progress	Verbs of Perception
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am playing soccer now. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He is feeling sad.

Simple Past

Completed Action	Completed Condition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We visited the museum yesterday. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The weather was rainy last week.

Past Progressive

Past Action that took place over a period of time	Past Action interrupted by another
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They were climbing for twenty-seven days. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We were eating dinner when she told me.

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Future

With will/won't - Activity or event that will or won't exist or happen in the future	With going to - future in relation to circumstances in the present
I'll get up late tomorrow. • I won't get up early •	I'm hungry. • I'm going to get something to eat. •

Present Perfect

With verbs of state that begin in the past and lead up to and include the present	To express habitual or continued action
He has lived here for many years •	He has worn glasses all his life. •
With events occurring at an indefinite or unspecified time in the past — with ever, never, before	
Have you ever been to Tokyo before? •	

Past Perfect

To describe a past event or condition completed before another event in the past	In reported speech
When I arrived home, he had already called. •	Jane said that she had gone to the movies. •