

T E N S E

The tense is the change of form in a verb to express the time of an action.

Lecture Sheet

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VERB TENSE

Verbs not only express actions but also tell us the time of the action. The tense of a verb tells us when the action is, was or will be carried out.

The three simple tenses are:

Present Tense	Past Tense	Future Tense
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Verb that is happening in the currently.• Example: I Write	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Verb that has already happened a long time back.• Example: I wrote	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Verb that is about to take place in the coming time• Example: I will write

Techniques to recognize the simple tenses

Present tense: Depending on the person, the simple present tense is formed by using the root form or by adding -s or -es to the end.

First-person singular: I write

Second-person singular: You write

Third-person singular: He/she/it writes (note the -s)

Past tense: With most verbs, the past tense is formed by adding -ed:

Called liked wanted worked

But there are a lot of irregular past tense forms in English. Here are the most common irregular verbs in English, with their past tense forms:

Begin/began break/broke write/wrote

Future tense: The formula for the simple future is will + [root form of verb].

I **will learn** a new language. Jen **will read** that book. My brothers **will sleep** till noon if no one wakes them up. You **will see** what I mean.

What you have to do now

Write 10 sentences for each tense. Use 10 different verbs given below to make these sentences.

Delight
Defeat
Drip
Drop
Dream
Bark
Beg
Bring
Bury
Describe