



## 12 ENGLISH VERB TENSES

TENSE	EXAMPLE	WE USE IT TO TALK ABOUT:
Simple Present	I <b>study</b> every day.	General facts, routines, habits
Present Continuous	I <b>am studying</b> right now.	Actions happening now, temporary actions
Present Perfect	I <b>have studied</b> before.	Past actions with relevance to the present
Present Perfect Continuous	I <b>have been studying</b> for 2 years.	Continuous actions with relevance to the present
Simple Past	I <b>studied</b> last night.	Completed actions in the past
Past Continuous	I <b>was studying</b> last night when my friend called.	Ongoing past actions
Past Perfect	I <b>had studied</b> this book before I started this class.	Past actions before another past action
Past Perfect Continuous	I <b>had been studying</b> for two hours when my friend called.	Continuous actions before another past action
Simple Future	I <b>will study</b> tomorrow.	Predictions, promises, future plans
Future Continuous	I <b>will be studying</b> tomorrow at 6 p.m.	Continuous actions in the future
Future Perfect	At this time next week, I <b>will have studied</b> all of the lessons.	Future actions completed by a certain time in the future
Future Perfect Continuous	At this time next week, I <b>will have been studying</b> every day for 7 days.	Continuous actions completed by a certain time in the future