***Tenses***

1. *The structure*

**PRESENT TENSE**

Present tense shows the current action that is going to be performed. It has four types which are briefly described here.

* **Simple Present Tense**

**Structure:**

Subject + Verb (vI) + es/es

**Examples:**

1. I take **exercise** daily.
2. She **reads** a book in the library.

### ****Present Continuous Tense****

#### ****Structure:****

Subject + is/am/are + Verb(+ing)

#### ****Example:****

1. He **is playing** football.
2. I **am studying** in a high school.

### ****Present Perfect Tense****

#### ****Structure:****

Subject + Has/have + Verb (v3)

#### ****Example:****

1. He **has made** this colorful chart.
2. I **have completed** my assignment.

## ****PAST TENSE****

Past tense expresses the actions that happened in the past. It has also four types.

### ****Simple Past Tense****

#### ****Structure:****

Subject + Verb (v2) or irregular verb:

#### ****Example:****

1. He **completed** the assignment.
2. I **read** the newspaper.

### ****Past Continuous Tense****

#### ****Structure:****

Subject + was/were + Verb(+ing)

#### ****Example:****

1. He **was reading** the book.
2. I **was going** to the park for a morning walk.

### ****Past Perfect Tense****

#### ****Structure:****

Subject + had + Verb (v3)

#### ****Example:****

1. I **had finished** my homework.
2. He **had completed** his task.

## ****FUTURE TENSE****

Future tense expresses the actions that have not happened yet OR “the actions that will likely to happen in future”. Its four types are described here.

### ****Simple Future Tense****

#### ****Structure:****

Subject+ will/shall+ verb(v1)

#### ****Example:****

1. I **shall go** to the park for a walk.
2. She **will** **perform** his duty.
3. The use

Present simple

-when something is generally or always true.

-habits or things that we do regularly

She works as a website designer

-when describing a time table or fixed plan

School starts at 8:00am

-The future action after: when, until, after

I will cal you when i have time

Present continuous

-things that are happening at the moment of speaking

I am working

-temporary situation

I am working in a coffee shop until i find another work

-Habits that continue for long time

You are smoking too much

-habits that are not regular

You are forever loosing you keys

Present perfect

-when we talk about unfinished actions that started in the past and continue to the present

I have known James since 1993

-life experience (actions that happened sometimes during someone’s life)

We have never seen that film

-the period of time is still continuing

I have not seen her this month

-something that happened recently

I have just seen Lucy

Past simple

-finished action in the past (yesterday, last week, in 2006)

I went to the cinema yesterday

-actions that we introduce with the present perfect or an other tense

I fell down when i was painting my bedroom

Past continuous

-an action in the past which overlaps an other action

I was walking to the station when i met John

-the emphasis that something lasted for a while

I was reading all evening

Past perfect

-a finished action before a second point in the past

When we arrived, the film had started

-something that started in the past and continued up to an other action or time in the past

When he graduated, he had been in London for 6 months

Future

-prediction

The sun will rise at 7:00 am

-promises, requests, offers

I will help you with your homework