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English - level 1

-Lesson 1-

Tenses

Rules

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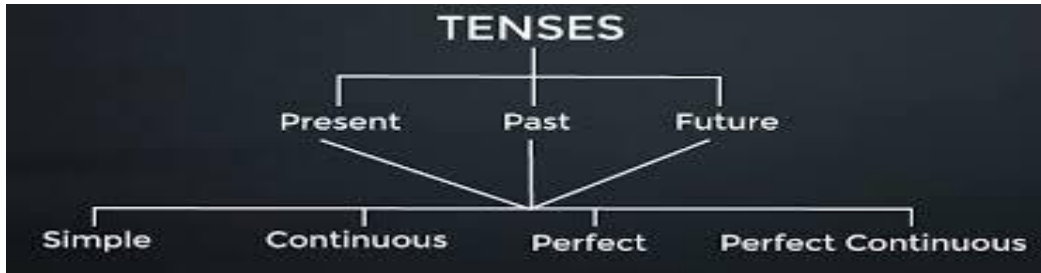
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Objective of the lesson

- *To spot the light on the English Tenses.*
- *To help the students understand how and when to use different tenses.*

Tenses

Tenses denotes the time of an action. They show when the work is done. They are present tense, past tense, and future tense. These tenses are divided into simple, continuous, perfect, and perfect continuous.



1- Simple present:

a-formation

I/you/we/they + base form of the verb+object e.g. they work hard.

He/she/it+base form of the verb+s+object e.g. she works hard.

Note

Verbs ending in: s/ss/x/ch/sh → verb+ **es** e.g. he watches **es** tv.

Verbs ending in consonant +y → ~~y~~ **i+es** e.g. she studies **ies** English now.

b- uses

- general statements of fact.
- habitual activity.
- scientific truth.
- future meaning if it is a planned event or a definite action.
e.g. His plane arrives at 6 p.m. next Monday.

2- Present continuous:

A – Formation

Subject+ tobe (am/is/are)+ verb+ ing e.g. I **am teaching** English.

B- uses

- an activity in progress at the moment of speaking.
- an activity generally in progress this week, month, or year.
- Future meaning for planned event or definite action.
e.g. he is leaving at noon tomorrow.

3- present perfect

a-formation

subject+ have/has+past participle of the verb+ object.

e.g. we have lived here for one year.

e.g. she has seen many movies.

b-uses

- An event that started in the past and has just finished.
- An action which took place in the past at an indefinite time.

4- Present perfect continuous

Subject+ have/has+been+ verb+ing+object e.g. she has been writing a letter.

b-uses

- An action which started in the past and is still continuing.

5- past simple**a-formation**

subject + regular verb+ed+ object e.g. My brother **passed** the exam yesterday.

subject+ irregular verb + object e.g. He made many errors.

b- The past simple tense used to indicate an action completed in the past.

6- past continuous**a-formation**

subject + was/were+verb+ing+object. e.g. They were playing football.

b-uses

- To talk about a continuing action that was happening at some point in the past.
- To talk about two actions one is on progress when another action occurred
- Two or more actions that were happening simultaneously in the past.

7- past perfect**a-formation**

subject+had+past participle+object. e.g. He had written an essay.

b-uses

- Action completed before another action in the past. E.g. I had already eaten before they invited me
- Actions completed before a specific time in the past. E.g. we had left the house before 4 o'clock.

8- past perfect continuous**a-formation**

subject+had+been+verb+ing+ object. E.g. they had been studying for 4 hours.

b-uses

- Actions that started earlier and continued until another action or point in the time. E.g. he had been living in London before he moved to Paris.
- To emphasize duration in the past. E.g. I had been waiting for my friend for half an hour.

9- future simple

Subject+ will+ verb e.g. we will visit London next summer.

It is used to talk about future, to plan for the future, or to express willingness to do something.

10 future continuous

Subject + will +be+verb+ing e.g. I will be sitting in my class when you arrived.

- It is used to talk about an action that will be in progress at a time in the future.

11- future perfect

Subject +will+have+ past participle+object. e.g. I will have revised my lessons before I go to school.

- It is used for actions that will be completed before another time or event in the future.

12- future perfect continuous

Subject+will+have+been+ verb+ing+object. e.g. by next week, she will have been studying English for 4 years.

- It is used to show the duration of an activity that will be in progress before another time or event in the future.