**Unit One** / The Tense System **(Aspects of the Verb) فئات الفعل ( أوجه (جوانب ) الفعل )**

**What Is the Aspect of a Verb?** (with Examples) ما هي فئات الفعل مع الأمثلة

In English grammar, the aspect of a verb is the category (فئة) of the verb that indicates time-related characteristics, such as the completion, duration, or repetition of an action. The aspect of a verb is determined by whether the action is ongoing or completed. There are four aspects of a verb.

في قواعد اللغة الإنجليزية ، جانب الفعل هو فئة الفعل الذي يشير إلى الخصائص المتعلقة بالوقت (الزمن) ، مثل إكتمال (تام) أو مدته ( الاستمرار) أو تكراره. يتم تحديد جانب الفعل من خلال ما إذا كان الإجراء مستمرًا أم مكتملًا. هناك أربعة جوانب للفعل.

**The Four Aspects Are:**

•**Simple Aspect**: also known as the indefinite aspect. **الجانب البسيط**: يُعرف أيضًا بالجانب غير المحدد

•**Progressive Aspect**: also known as the continuing aspect**. الجانب المستمر:**

•**Perfect Aspect**: also known as the complete aspect**. الجانب التام**: يُعرف أيضًا بالجانب المكتمل •**Perfect Progressive Aspect**.**الجانب التام المستمر**

**1- The Simple Aspect**

**There are three verb tense in this aspect:**

Verb tenses show when an action takes place**.**

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| **The Simple Aspect (Indefinite Aspect)** | **Example of the verb** |  |
| **1. The Simple Present Tense** | **I / We / They / You go** |  |
|  | **She / he / It goes** |
|  | | |
| **2. The Simple Past Tense** | **I went** |  |
|  |  |  |
| **3. The Simple Future Tense** | **I will go** |  |

**Tenses**  **Grammatical Structure of the verb**

**1. The Present Simple Tense** (shows that something is [ (verb) **or** (**verb** + s/es in third person]

happening in the present but does not show when it

will end).

**2. The past Simple tense** (shows that something happened in the [verb + ed (except for irregular verbs]

past.

**3. The future Simple tense** (shows that something will happen [**will + Base form of the verb**]

in the future). **or** [am /is / are **+** going to **+** verb (base)]

**2- The Progressive Aspect**

**1. The present Continuous Tense** (shows something that is (am/is/are + **present participle**)

happening in the present that will have a definite end). the base v. + ing

**2. The Past Continuous Tense** (shows that sth. was continuing (was / were + **present participle**)

for a certain time in the past). the base v. + ing

**3.The future Continuous Tense** (is used to talk about future (will + be + **present participle**)

events that will be in progress at a specific time in the **Or** be (am / is / are) **+** going to be **+** **present P**.

future. We often use this structure to make a contrast the base v. + ing

between a present event and a future event).

**Example:** This time tomorrow I will be celebrating my birthday.

Time expressions: By + this year/ month/ week.

**3- The Perfect Aspect**

**1.** **The present Perfect Tense** (the tense refers to an action or (have / has **+** **past participle**)

state that either occurred at an indefinite time in the past or

began in the past and continued to the present time),

**2. The past perfect tense** (shows something that happened ( had + **past participle** )

in the past before another something else. Usually, the past

perfect and the past tense are used in the same sentence).

**Note –** The words **after / before / because** are used with this tense

**e.g.** Sami went home ***because*** he **had had** a terrible headache.

**e.g***.* ***After*** the exams had finished, they had a party.

**3.** **The Future Perfect Tense** (this tense is used to describe (will + have **+ the past participle)**

an action that will have been completed at a certain point

of time in the future).

**Examples:** By 10 o'clock**,** I will have **finished** my homework.

By the time you read this letter I will have **left**.

He **will *not* have** done it by this evening. (negative) **نفي**

**Will** he **have done** it by this evening**?** (Interrogative) **استفهام**

**4- The Perfect Continuous Aspect**

1- **The Present Perfect Continuous** (also known as [(has **or** have ) been **+** the present participle ] the present perfect progressive tense) shows that

something started in the past and is continuing at

the present time. It is used to refer to an unspecified

time between 'before now' and 'now'.

**E. g.:** I **have been reading** *War and Peace* for a month now**.**

Ihave**n’t** been feeling well lately. (And I am still sick now.) (negative) **نفي**

**Has** Mona **been competing** in flute competitions recently**?** (And she will continue to do so.) استفهام

**2**- **The Past Perfect Continuous** (it is called also past perfect [had + been + the present participle]

progressive) It is used to describe an ongoing action that

started in past and continued for some time in past.

**E. g**.: We **had been waiting** there for more than two hours when she finally arrived.

We had **not** been waiting there for more than two hours. نفي

Had you been waiting there for more than two hours**?** استفهام

How long **had you been waiting** to get on the bus**?**

**3**- **The Future Perfect Continuous** (also sometimes called [will + have + been + the present participle]

the future perfect progressive) It is a verb tense that describes

actions that will continue up until a point in the future.

**E.g.** In November, I will have been working at my company for three years.

At five o’clock, I will have been waiting for thirty minutes.

You will **not** have been waiting for more than two hours when her plane finally arrives. **نفي**

You are **not** going to have been waiting for more than two hours when her plane finally arrives.

**Will** you **have been waiting** for more than two hours when her plane finally arrives**?** **استفهام**

**Are** you **going to** have been waiting for more than two hours when her plane finally arrives?

**Q. / Put the verbs between Brackets in the correct tense:**

**1**. They …………………German. **(speak)**

**2.** I ………………... football yesterday**. (play)**

**3.** She …………………... to school tomorrow**. (go)**

**4.** The students ………………………… right now**. (study)**

**5.** They …………………………………. to France by the time you arrive**. (travel)**

**6.** I ……………………...my uncle every Friday**. (visit)**

**7.** Cats ………………………. mice**. (hate)**

**8.** The sun ………………………………in the morning**. (rise)**

**9.** The plane ……………………………….at 10 o**’**clock tonight**. (take off)**

**10.** I ……………………………. on my computer at this moment**. (work)**

**11.** She ……………………………... in this town for 12 years**. (live)**

**12.** The grass is wet because …………………………………... all day long**. (rain)**

**13.** I …………………………………............. TV for 2 hours since you left**. (watch)**

**14.** She …………………………………... a book when the light went off**. (read)**