

12 Tenses in English

Tense	Form	Example Sentence
1 present simple	S + V + O	I /we/they/ students play basketball every week. He/she/ Ahmed plays football every day.
2 Present continuous	S + am/is/are + V+ ing + O	I am playing basketball now. They, we, you, students are playing . He/she/ Ahmed is playing basketball.
3 Present Perfect	S + has/have + PP + O (has +he/she/it/singular noun) (have+ they/we/you, plural noun)	I/we/they/ students have just played football. She/he has just played tennis. Ahmed has just played basketball.
4 present perfect continuous	S + have/has + been + V + ing + O.	I/we/they/students have been playing football for three hours. He/She/Ahmed has been playing football for three hours.
5 Past simple	S + V + O	I played football yesterday.
6 Past Continuous	S + was/ were + V + ing + O	I/he/she/Ahmed was playing football the whole evening. They/we/you/students were playing football the whole evening.
7 Past perfect	S + had + v (PP) + O	I had played basketball before Mary came.
8 Past Perfect Continuous	S + had been + V + ing + O	She had been playing basketball when Mary came.
9 Future Simple	S+ will/shall + V+ O	I will travel next week.
10 Future Continuous	S + will/shall + V + ing + O	He will be playing tannins next week.

11 Future Perfect	S + will/shall + have + V (pp) + O	They will have played football by tomorrow.
12 Future Perfect Continuous	S + will/shall + have + been + V + ing + O	We will have been playing basketball.

Dear third year students in the department of Psychology,

The table above shows the twelve tenses in the English language. I want you to read and memorize number (1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9).

Note: (S) means subject, (V) means verb, (pp) means the past participle form of the verb, (O) means object.

Thanks, and good luck