

# REVIEW OF ENGLISH VERB TENSES

Time	Tense	Conjugation	Application	Example sentence	“Signal” words
<b>PRESENT TENSES</b>	<b>PRESENT SIMPLE</b>	I work You work He/She <b>works</b> We work You work They work	Routine or regular, repeated actions	<b>I work</b> five evenings a week.	Adverbs of frequency:  Always, usually, never, sometimes, etc once a day, every summer, etc
		I don't work He/She <b>doesn't</b> work etc			
		Do you work? <b>Does</b> he/ she work? etc	Permanent situations	<b>I live</b> in Stockholm	
			Stative verbs	<b>I believe</b> in God.  <b>Do you understand?</b>	
	<b>PRESENT CONTINUOUS</b>	I'm working You're working He/she's working We're working You're working They're working	Actions happening now	<b>I think she's having</b> lunch	Adverbs of present time.  Now, at the moment, today, this week, this year etc
			Temporary situations	<b>I'm working</b> from home this week	
		I'm not working She's not working etc	Changing/ Developing Situations	<b>The weather is getting</b> worse	
			Are you working? Is he working? etc	Future arrangements	<b>Are you doing</b> anything special this weekend?

	<b>PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE</b>	I've worked You've worked <b>He/she's</b> worked We've worked You've worked They've worked	Describing situations that have continued from the past to the present	<b>I've lived in</b> Sweden for 10 years	Adverbs of time
		I haven't worked She hasn't worked etc	Reporting recent events	<b>There has been</b> a car crash in Bromma	Ever, not...yet, just, already, how long ? (+since)
		Have you worked? Has he worked? etc	Describing life experiences	<b>Have you ever been to</b> England?	
	<b>PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS</b>	I've been working You've been... <b>He/she's been...</b> We've been... You've been... They've been... working.	Describing a recent activity which has had an effect	I'm tired because <b>I've been studying</b> hard	How long? (+since)
		I haven't been working He hasn't been working	Suggesting an action is incomplete	<b>I've been doing</b> my homework but I haven't finished yet	
		Has she been working? Have they been working?	Asking how long an activity or situation has been in progress	How long <b>have you been studying</b> English?	

<b>PAST TENSES</b>	<b>PAST SIMPLE</b>	I worked You worked He/she worked We worked You worked They worked	Talking about actions or situations in the past that are now finished	<b>I went</b> to a really great concert last night	Adverbs of past time  Yesterday, last night, last week
		I didn't work You didn't work...  Did you work? Did we work?	Reported speech	<b>She said</b> (that) <b>she didn't love</b> me	
	<b>PAST CONTINUOUS</b>	I was working <b>You were</b> working He/she was working <b>We were</b> working <b>You were</b> working <b>They were</b> working	Describing actions taking place at a point in time in the past	At 6am this morning, <b>I was sleeping</b> like a baby	Conjunctions  While, when
		I wasn't working You weren't working  Was he working? Were they working?	Interrupted actions or background events	While <b>I was watching</b> TV, I fell asleep	
	<b>PAST PERFECT SIMPLE</b>	I had worked You had worked He/she had worked We had worked You had worked They had worked	Referring to a time earlier in the past	When I came home, I found <b>my apartment had been burgled</b>	Adverbs of time  Same as the present perfect + before
		You hadn't worked She hadn't worked  Had we worked? Had they worked?	In reported speech	She said <b>she had told</b> him	

<b>FUTURE TENSES</b>	<b>PRESENT CONTINUOUS</b>	I'm working You're working He/she's working We're working You're working They're working  I'm not working She's not working etc  Are you working? Is he working? etc	For future arrangements	<b>Are you doing</b> anything special this weekend?  <b>Yes, I'm taking</b> the kids to the zoo.	Adverbs of future time.  This evening, tomorrow, next week, next year, etc
		<b>GOING TO + infinitive</b>	For plans and intentions that have already been decided	Where are you going? <b>I'm going to do</b> the shopping.	Adverbs of future time  Tomorrow, next week, next year etc
	To predict things that are likely to happen		Look at those clouds. I think <b>it's going to rain.</b>		
	<b>WILL + infinitive</b>	I'll work You'll work He/she'll work We'll work You'll work They'll work  I won't (will not) work We won't work  Will you work? Will she work?	Future speculation	<b>You'll meet</b> someone and fall in love eventually	Adverbs of future time  (same as for "going to")
			Making arrangements	Don't worry. <b>I'll give</b> you a lift to work	
			Ordering food	<b>I'll have</b> the scampi and chips please	
Future conditional			If you study harder, <b>you'll learn</b> English more quickly		