
Tenses chart & examples

Tense	Structure	Example
Present simple	Subject + infinitive	He reads a book every night.
Present continuous	Subject + am/is/are + verb+ing	He is reading a book right now.
Present perfect	Subject + have/has + past participle	He has read three books this month.
Present perfect continuous	Subject + have/has been + verb+ing	He has been reading for two hours.
Past simple	Subject + past simple	He read the book yesterday.
Past continuous	Subject + was/were + verb+ing	He was reading when I arrived.
Past perfect	Subject + had + past participle	He had read the book before the class started.
Past perfect continuous	Subject + had been + verb+ing	He had been reading for an hour before dinner.
Future simple	Subject + will + infinitive	He will read the book tomorrow.
Future continuous	Subject + will be + verb+ing	He will be reading at this time tomorrow.
Future perfect	Subject + will have + past participle	He will have read the book by next week.
Future perfect continuous	Subject + will have been + verb+ing	He will have been reading for hours by the time I arrive.

Practice

Fill in the blanks with the correct tenses.

1. She ____ (write) a letter every day.
2. They ____ (play) soccer right now.
3. He ____ (eat) breakfast at 7 AM every morning.
4. I ____ (currently, study) hard for the test tomorrow.
5. We ____ (go) to the movies last night.
6. She ____ (read) a book when I called her.
7. They ____ (finish) their project by the time you arrive.
8. He ____ (travel) to Japan next year.
9. I ____ (work) here since January.
10. They ____ (wait) for you for two hours.
11. She ____ (cook) dinner when I got home.
12. We ____ (move) to a new house next month.

13. He ____ (know) her for ten years.
14. She ____ (run) in the park when it started raining.
15. They ____ (complete) the assignment before the deadline.
16. He ____ (watch) TV when his friend arrived.
17. She ____ (speak) three languages fluently.
18. I ____ (clean) the house all morning.
19. We ____ (plan) to visit you soon.
20. They ____ (build) a new school in our town right now.

Answers

1. She writes (write) a letter **every day**.
2. They are playing (play) soccer **right now**.
3. He eats (eat) breakfast at 7 AM **every morning**.
4. I am **currently** studying (currently, study) hard for the test tomorrow.
5. We went (go) to the movies **last night**.
6. She was reading (read) a book **when** I called her.
7. They will have finished (finish) their project **by the time** you arrive.
8. He will travel (travel) to Japan **next year**.
9. I have worked (work) here **since January**.
10. They have been waiting (wait) for you **for two hours**.
11. She was cooking (cook) dinner **when** I got home.
12. We are moving (move) to a new house **next month**.
13. He has known (know) her **for ten years**.
14. She was running (run) in the park **when** it started raining.
15. They had completed (complete) the assignment **before** the deadline.
16. He was watching (watch) TV **when** his friend arrived.
17. She speaks (speak) three languages fluently. (**fact**)
18. I have been cleaning (clean) the house **all morning**.
19. We plan (plan) to visit you **soon**.
20. They are building (build) a new school in our town **right now**.