

Tenses and Aspects

This document gives an overview of tenses and aspects in English. For more details see my lesson document on tenses. **Note** V1 = present verb, v2 = past verb and v3= past participle verb. S = subject of the sentence, and O = object of the sentence.

	Present	Past	Future
Simple	I speak English. S + v1 + O	I spoke English. S + v2 + O	I will speak English. S + will + v1 + O
Continuous	I am speaking English. S + be (v1) + ving + O	I was speaking English. S + be (v2) + ving + O	I will be speaking English. S + will + be + ving + O
Perfect	I have spoken English. S + have + v3 + O	I had spoken English. S + had + v3 + O	I will have spoken English. S + will + have + v3 + O
Perfect Continuous	I have been speaking English. S + have + been + ving + O	I had been speaking English. S + had + been + ving + O	I will have been speaking English. S + will + have + been + ving + O