



Tenses

Review



be

present: is / am / are

past: was / were

past perfect: been



Verbs

every verb has 3 parts:

Verb 1: present: eat

Verb 2: past: ate

Verb 3: past participle: eaten

There are two types of verbs: regular and irregular.

regular verbs: past = ed

irregular verbs: past and past participle changes



Simple tenses

Present: now/ things that are always true. E.g; I am 18. Work starts at 8 a.m.

How old are you?

Where do you like to go on holiday?

What sports do you enjoy?

Past: finished event. E.g: I was in Paris last weekend.

What did you do at the weekend?

What time did you eat breakfast today?



Continuous

happening over a period of time: I am studying at university. / I was living in London at the time.

What are you studying?

What were you doing yesterday evening?

Future

What are you doing later?

What are you going to do tomorrow?



Present Perfect aspect

something that happened in the past but is important now/ experiences.

I have studied English for 5 years.

I have been to New York.

How long have you lived here?

How long have you been vegetarian?

continuous: I have been studying today.

How long have you been learning English?

How long have you been dancing?



Past Perfect Aspect

something that happened in the past before
another past event

I had been to France before, but not to Paris.

Had you visited the school before you started
there?

Had you prepared before you took the exam?



Mixed Past Tenses

I was reading a book **when** the bus came. **While** I was getting on the bus I remembered I had forgotten my passport. So I jumped off again and ran home. I **had left** it on the table by the door.

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