

THE ENGLISH TENSES

	Tense	Form	Use	Example
P R E S E N T	Present Simple	Infinitive He/she/it + 's'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present States • Routine & Habits • Future Timetables 	<p>Dublin is the capital of Ireland.</p> <p>We usually go to bed before midnight</p> <p>The train leaves at 6am tomorrow.</p>
	Present Continuous	Be (am, is, are) + verb '-ing'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action happening now • Action happening around now • Future Plans 	<p>I am working at the moment.</p> <p>She is working in Dublin this week.</p> <p>We are visiting my parents at the weekend.</p>
	Present Perfect Simple	Have/has + Past Participle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action began in the past and continues now • Finished action with a result in the present • Life experience 	<p>Maria has lived in Dublin for 2 years.</p> <p>I have lost my keys. (I can't find them now)</p> <p>I have been to Paris but never been to Rome.</p>
	Present Perfect Continuous	Have/has + been + verb '-ing'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action began in the past and continues now • Evidence of a recently finished action 	<p>Maria has been living In Dublin for 2 years.</p> <p>It has been raining. (evidence: the grass is wet)</p>



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P A S T	Past Simple	Past simple form of verb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finished past action 	We went to the cinema last night.
	Past Continuous	was/were + verb - 'ing'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Past action that was interrupted by another action Action in progress at a particular time in the past 	<p>I was walking to school when it started to rain.</p> <p>At 7 o'clock last night we were eating dinner.</p>
	Past Perfect	had + past participle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Past action before another past action (the past of the past) 	We booked the same hotel we had stayed in before
	Past Perfect Continuous	had + been + verb - 'ing'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duration of a past action before another past action. 	Sophia had been living in Ireland for six months before she found a job.

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F U T U R E	Future simple 'Will'	Will + infinitive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action decided at the time of speaking (not a plan) Future Predictions First Conditional 	<p>It's too hot - I'll open the window.</p> <p>In ten years all cars will be electric.</p> <p>If the sun shines, I'll go for a walk.</p>
	Future Continuous	Will + be + Verb - 'ing'	Action in progress at a particular time in the future	I will be sleeping at 2 a.m.
	Future Perfect	Will + have + Past participle	Action will be finished before another action or time in the future	We will have eaten dinner when you arrive.
	Future Perfect Continuous	Will + have + been + verb - 'ing'	Duration of a future action up to another future action or time	At the end of this year, we will have been living in Ireland for 3 years.
	To be going to	To be + going to + infinitive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future plans and intentions Predictions when we see evidence 	<p>I'm going to buy a new car next month.</p> <p>Look at the clouds. It's going to rain soon.</p>
	Present Continuous for the future	To be + verb - 'ing'	Future arrangements	We are visiting my parents this weekend.
	Present Simple for the future	Infinitive He/she/it + 's'	Timetables and schedules - trains, buses, cinema etc	The movie starts at 5 o'clock.

