

# ENGLISH TENSES

## REVIEW

# BE

Ser/estar

FORM: (am/are/is)

AUXILIARY: No auxiliary

- AFFIRMATIVE:

I **am** happy

She **is** 20 years old

- NEGATIVE:

I **am not** tall

She **isn't** a student

- QUESTION:

**Are** you English?

**Is** she your sister?

# Have Got

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FORM: **have/has got**

AUXILIARY: No auxiliary

- AFFIRMATIVE:

I **have got** a pen

She **has got** a pen

- NEGATIVE:

I **haven't got** a pen

She **hasn't got** a pen

- QUESTION:

**Have** you **got** a pen?

**Has** she **got** a pen?

# Present Simple

Routines  
Habits  
True facts

FORM: **V (+s/es)**  
AUXILIARY: **DO/DOES**

- **AFFIRMATIVE:**

I **work** every day

She **works** every day

- **NEGATIVE:**

I **don't work** every day

She **doesn't work** every day

- **QUESTION:**

**Do** you **work** every day?

**Does** she **work** every day?

# Present Continuous

Actions happening now or longer periods of time that will eventually end

FORM:

be (am/are/is)+ V (+ing)

- AFFIRMATIVE:

I am working now

She is working now

- NEGATIVE:

I am not working now

She isn't working now

- QUESTION:

Are you working now?

Is she working now?

# Past Simple

Action finished in the  
past

FORM:

V (+ed)/2nd column

AUXILIARY: **DID**

- AFFIRMATIVE:

I **worked** yesterday

She **saw** me yesterday

- NEGATIVE:

I **didn't work** yesterday

She **didn't see** me yesterday

- QUESTION:

**Did** you **work** yesterday?

        
**Did** she **work** yesterday?

# Used to

to refer to habits or states in the past which are no longer true now

FORM: **used to + V**

- **AFFIRMATIVE:**

I **used** **to** **swim** when I was young

She **used** **to** **swim** when I was young

- **NEGATIVE:**

I **didn't** **use** **to** **swim** when I was young

She **didn't** **use** **to** **swim** when I was young

**Did** you **use** **to** **swim** when you were young?

**Did** she use to **swim** when she was young?

# Past Continuous

Action happening in a specific moment in the past

FORM: **was/were** + **V** (+**ing**)

- **AFFIRMATIVE:**

I **was working** at noon

She **was working** at noon

- **NEGATIVE:**

I **was not working** at noon

She **wasn't working** at noon

- **QUESTION:**

**Were** you **working** at noon?

**Was** she **working** at noon?



# Present Perfect Simple

Action that started in the past and has a connection to the present. Past action at an indefinite time in the past

FORM: **have/has + past participle**  
(**V+ed** or **3rd column**)

- **AFFIRMATIVE:**

I **have worked** here for years

She **has worked** here for years

- **NEGATIVE:**

I **haven't worked** here for years

She **hasn't worked** here for years

- **QUESTION:**

**Have** you ever **worked** here?  
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**Has** she ever **worked** here?

# Present Perfect Continuous

Action that started in the past and is still going on. **Emphasis on the action.**

FORM: **have/has + been +  
V (+ing)**

- **AFFIRMATIVE:**

I **have been working** here for years

She **has been working** here for years

- **NEGATIVE:**

I **haven't been working** here for years

She **hasn't been working** here for years

- **QUESTION:**

How long **have** you **been working** here?  
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How long **has** she **been working** here?

# Past Perfect Simple

Action finished before  
another past action.

FORM: **had** + **past  
participle**

(**V+ed** or **3rd column**)

- **AFFIRMATIVE:**

I **had worked** here for years

She **had worked** here for years

- **NEGATIVE:**

I **hadn't worked** here for years

She **hadn't worked** here for  
years

- **QUESTION:**

**Had** you ever **worked** here?  
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**Had** she ever **worked** here?

# Past Perfect Continuous

Action in the past that continued up to another past action. **Emphasis on the action.**

FORM: **had + been +**  
**V (+ing)**

- **AFFIRMATIVE:**

I **had been working** here for years

She **had been working** here for years

- **NEGATIVE:**

I **hadn't been working** here for years

She **hadn't been working** here for years

- **QUESTION:**

How long **had** you **been working** here?  
— — —

How long **had** she **been working** here?

# Future (going to)

Decisions  
Predictions  
Plans

FORM: **be (am/are/is) + going**  
**to + V**

- AFFIRMATIVE:

I **am** going to **work** next year

She **is** going to **work** next year

- NEGATIVE:

I **am not** going to **work** next year

She **isn't** going to **work** next year

- QUESTION:

**Are** you going to **work** next year?

**Is** she going to **work** next year?

# Future (will)

Voluntary actions

Promises

Predictions

Spontaneous decisions

FORM: **will** + **V**

- **AFFIRMATIVE:**

I **will** **work** next year

She **will** **work** next year

- **NEGATIVE:**

I **won't** **work** next year

She **won't** **work** next year

- **QUESTION:**

**Will** you **work** next year?

**Will** she **work** next year?

# Future continuous

Future actions in progress

FORM: **will** + **be** + **V (+ing)**

- AFFIRMATIVE:

I **will** **be** **working** next year

She **will** **be** **working** next year

- NEGATIVE:

I **won't** **be** **working** next year

She **won't** **be** **working** next year

- QUESTION:

**Will** you **be** **working** next year?

— — —  
**Will** she **be** **working** next year?

# Future perfect

Finished actions in the future

FORM: will + have + past  
participle  
(V+ed or 3rd column)

- AFFIRMATIVE:

I will have worked three years

She will have worked three years

- NEGATIVE:

I won't have worked three years

She won't have worked three years

- QUESTION:

Will you have worked three years?

Will she have worked three years?



# Modal Verbs

**SHOULD** (advice)

**CAN** (ability,  
permission, request)

**MUST** (obligation or  
prohibition)

**WOULD** (hypotheses,  
politeness, past)

FORM: **modal** + **V**

- **AFFIRMATIVE:**

I **should work** next year

She **can work** next year

- **NEGATIVE:**

I **mustn't work** next year

She **can't work** next year

- **QUESTION:**

**Would** you **work** next year?

**Should** she **work** next year?