

Part – A Topic No 8
Select the correct Tense

- Verb form that shows the “time of action”, is called Tense.
- There are 3 main kinds of tense:
 1. Present tense
 2. Past tense
 3. Future tense
- To each tense there are 4 different forms:
 1. Present tense
 - i. Simple present tense
 - ii. Present continuous tense
 - iii. Present perfect tense
 - iv. Present perfect continuous
 2. Past tense
 - i. Simple past tense
 - ii. past continuous tense
 - iii. past perfect tense
 - iv. past perfect continuous
 3. Future tense
 - i. Simple future tense
 - ii. future continuous tense
 - iii. future perfect tense
 - iv. future perfect continuous

Present tense:

Simple present tense:

- a. To express a habitual action, general truths, and to indicate a future event that is part of a fixed programme or time table

Ex;

He **drinks** tea every morning

The sun **rises** in the east.

The match **starts** at 3 'o clock

Present continuous tense:

The present continuous form is

am + (v + ing)

is + (v + ing)

are + (v + ing)

Ex;

He **is singing**

I **am leaving** for Chennai tonight

present perfect tense:

The present perfect form is

Has + past participle

Have + past participle

Ex;

She **has just left**

I **have been** to Chennai

Present perfect continuous tense:

Has been + (v+ ing)

Have been + (v + ing)

Ex;

I **have been waiting** for you since 2'o clock.

It **has been raining** since 5 'o clock

Past tense

Simple past tense:

Verbs like went, ate, wrote, spoke, did, etc., are in the simple past tense.

The simple past is used to indicate an action completed in the past. It often occurs with adverbs or adverb phrases of past time.

Ex;

I **wrote** a letter yesterday.

Past continuous tense:

Was + verb + ing

Were + verb + ing

Ex;

It **was getting** late.

Past perfect tense:

Had + past participle

Ex;

When I reached the station, the train had already left

Past perfect continuous:

Had been + verb + ing

Ex;

At that time he **had been working** there for five years

Future tense:

Simple future tense:

The simple future is used for an action that has still to take place.

Ex;

I **shall meet** you tomorrow.

Future continuous tense:

Will be + verb + ing

Ex;

When I get home, my dog **will be sitting** for me at the door.**Future perfect tense:**

Will/ shall have + past participle

Ex;

I **shall have completed** the work by that time**Future perfect continuous tense :**

Will have been + verb + ing

Ex;

By next august, we **will have been studying** in this college for two years.**Forms of verbs:**

Present (v1)	Past (v2)	Future (v3)
Act	Acted	Acted
Arise	Arose	Arisen
Awake	Awoke/awaked	Awoken/awaked
Be	Was	Been
Bear	Bore	Borne/ born
Beat	Beat	Beaten
Become	Became	Become
Befall	Befell	Befallen
Begot	Begot	Begotten
Begin	Began	Begun
Behold	Beheld	Beheld
Bend	Bent	Bent
Bet	Betted/bet	Betted / bet
Bid (=command)	Bade	Bidden
Bid (=offer)	Bid	Bid
Bind	Bound	Bound
Bite	Bit	Bitten

Bleed	Bled	Bled
Blow	Blew	Blown
Break	Broke	Broken
Breed	Bred	Bred
Bring	Brought	Brought
Broadcast	Broadcast	Broadcast
Build	Built	Built
Burn	Burned/ burnt	Burned/burnt
Burst	Burst	Burst
Buy	Bought	Bought
Cast	Cast	Cast
Catch	Caught	Caught
Chide	Chid	Chidden
Choose	Chose	Chosen
Cling	Clung	Clung
Clothe	Clothed/clad	Clothed/clad
Come	Came	Come
Cost	Cost	Cost
Creep	Crept	Crept
Cut	Cut	Cut
Deal	Dealt	Dealt
Dig	Dug	Dug
Do	Did	Done
Draw	Drew	Drawn
Dream	Dreamed/ dreamt	Dreamed/ dreamt
Drink	Drank	Drunk
Drive	Drove	Driven
Dwell	Dwelt	Dwelt
Eat	Ate	Eaten
Fall	Fell	Fallen
Feel	Felt	Felt
Feed	Fed	Fed
Fight	Fought	Fought
Find	Found	Found
Flee	Fled	Fled
Fling	Flung	Flung
Fly	Flew	Flown
Forbid	Forbade	Forbidden

Forget	Forgot	Forgotten
Forgive	Forgave	Forgiven
Forsake	Forsook	Forsaken
Freeze	Froze	Frozen
Get	Got	Got
Give	Gave	Given
Go	Went	Gone
Grind	Ground	Ground
Grow	Grew	Grown
Hang	Hanged/hung	Hanged/hung
Have	Had	Had
Hear	Heard	Heard
Hide	Hid	Hidden
Hit	Hit	Hit
Hold	Held	Held
Hurt	Hurt	Hurt
Keep	Kept	Kept
Kneel	Knelt	Knelt
Knit	Knit	Knit
Know	Knew	Known
Lay	Laid	Laid
Lead	Led	Led
Lean	Leaned/leant	Leaned/leant
Leap	Leaped/leapt	Leaped/leapt
Learn	Learnt/learned	Learned/learnt
Leave	Left	Left
Lend	Lent	Lent
Let	Let	Let
Lie	Lay	Lain
Light	Lighted/lit	Lighted/lit
Lose	Lost	Lost
Make	Made	Made
Mean	Made	Made
Mean	Meant	Meant
Meet	Met	Met
Mow	Mowed	Mowed/mown
Pay	Paid	Paid
Put	Put	Put

Read	Read	Read
Rid	Rid	Rid
Ride	Rode	Ridden
Ring	Rang	Rung
Rise	Rose	Risen
Run	Ran	Run
Saw	Sawed	Sawed/sawn
Say	Said	Said
See	Saw	Seen
Seek	Sought	Sought
Sell	Sold	Sold
Send	Sent	Sent
Set	Set	Set
Sew	Sewed	Sewed/sewn
Shed	Shed	Shed
Shine	Shone	Shone
Shoot	Shot	Shot
Show	Showed	Showed/shown
Shrink	Shrank/shrunk	Shrunk
Shut	Shut	Shut
Sing	Sang	Sung
Sink	Sank	Sunk
Sit	Sat	Sat
Slay	Slew	Slain
Sleep	Slept	Slept
Slide	Slid	Slid
Sling	Slung	Slung
Smell	Smelled/smelt	Smelles/smelt
Smite	Smote	Smitten
Sow	Sowed	Sowed/sown
Speak	Spoke	Spoken
Speed	Speeded/sped	Speeded/sped
Spell	Spelled/spelt	Spelled/spelt
Spend	Spent	Spent
Spill	Spilled/spilt	Spilled/spilt
Spin	Spun	Spun
Spit	Spat	Spat
Split	Split	Split

Spread	Spread	Spread
Spring	Sprang	Sprung
Stand	Stood	Stood
Steal	Stole	Stolen
Stick	Stuck	Stuck
Sting	Stung	Stung
Stink	Stank/stunk	Stunk
Strew	Strewed	Strewed/strewn
Stride	Strode	Stridden
Strike	Struck	Struck
String	Strung	Strung
Strive	Strove	Striven
Swear	Swore	Sworn
Sweep	Swept	Swept
Swell	Swelled	Swelled/swollen
Swim	Swam	Swum
Take	Took	Taken
Teach	Taught	Taught
Tear	Tore	Torn
Tell	Told	Told
Think	Thought	Thought
Thrive	Thrived/throve	Thrived/thiven
Throw	Threw	Thrown
Thrust	Thrust	Thrust
Tread	Trod	Trodden/trod
Understand	Understood	Understood
Undertake	Undertook	Undertaken
Wake	Waked/woke	Waked/woken
Wear	Wore	Worn
Weave	Wove	Woven
Weep	Wept	Wept
Wet	Wetted/wet	Wetted/wet
Win	Won	Won
Wind	Wound	Wound
Wring	Wrung	Wrung
Write	Wrote	written