

## 6 Simple Tenses

1. Present
  2. Past
  3. Future
  4. Present Perfect
  5. Past Perfect
  6. Future Perfect
  - Strong Future
  - Imperative
- } Simple
- } Perfect

## 6 Continuous Tenses

1. Present Continuous
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  3. Future Continuous
  4. Present Perfect Continuous
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  6. Future Perfect Continuous
  - Strong Future Continuous
- } Simple Continuous
- } Perfect Continuous

**Present** (He eats every day) Habit-Normally not now-Say when

**Past** (He ate yesterday) Past action, Past time

**Future** (He will eat tomorrow) Future time

**Present Perfect** (He has eaten this week) Past action, Present time

**Past Perfect** (He had eaten before he came here) Action before a past action

**Future Perfect** (He will have eaten before 6pm) Action in the future before a future time

**Strong Future** (He is going to eat tomorrow) Not normal action in the future

**Imperative** (Eat!) Order/command. Something important (No subject!)

**Simple=Short      Continuous=Long/repeated**

**Present Continuous** (He is eating now) Action happening now

**Past Continuous** (He was eating at 6am) \*

**Future Continuous** (He will be eating later) \*

**Present Perfect Continuous** (He has been eating for 30 minutes) \*

**Past Perfect Continuous** (He had been eating before he came here) \*

**Future Perfect Continuous** (He will have been eating for 1 hour at 6pm) Future time, duration, action fills that time

**Strong Future Continuous** (He is going to be eating for the next 2 hours) \*

### \* .....The 3 Rules for the Continuous

1) 2 actions; 1 long, 1 short

2) Time; action begins before, ends after

3) 1 action, 1 period; action fills period

1. They were helping me this morning
2. It is making a noise
3. I have never been to the USA
4. We go to the beach every summer
5. She is going to be President
6. He came here at 1pm, after he had been working all morning
7. I have been studying all day
8. Stop!
9. You will be working here all day tomorrow
10. They rang me yesterday
11. You had visited the museum before you went to the cinema
12. She will have done it by Saturday
13. I am going to be sleeping at that time
14. On Saturday, you will have been living here for 1 month
15. We will do it tomorrow