

## 6 Simple Tenses

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

## 6 Continuous Tenses

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