

Tense	Signal words	Use	Form	Examples affirmative	Examples negative	Examples interrogative
Simple Present	every day sometimes always often usually seldom never first ... then	- something happens repeatedly - how often something happens - one action follows another - things in general - with verbs like (<i>to love, to hate, to think, etc.</i>) - future meaning: timetables, programmes	infinitive he/she/it: infinitive + s	I work. He works. I go. He goes.	I don't work. He doesn't work. I don't go. He doesn't go.	Do I work? Does he work? Do I go? Does he go?
Present Progressive	now at the moment Look! Listen!	- something is happening at the same time of speaking or around it - future meaning: when you have already decided and arranged to do it (a fixed plan, date)	be (am / are / is) + infinitive + ing	I'm working. He's working. I'm going. He's going.	I'm not working. He isn't working. I'm not going. He isn't going.	Am I working? Is he working? Am I going? Is he going?
Simple Past	last ago in 1990 yesterday	action took place in the past, mostly connected with an expression of time (no connection to the present)	regular: infinitive + ed irregular: (2nd column of table of irregular verbs)	I worked. He worked. I went. He went.	I didn't work. He didn't work. I didn't go. He didn't go.	Did I work? Did he work? Did I go? Did he go?

Past Progressive	while	- an action happened in the middle of another action - someone was doing sth. at a certain time (in the past) - you don't know whether it was finished or not	was / were + infinitive + ing	I was working . He was working . I was going . He was going .	I wasn't working . He wasn't working . I wasn't going . He wasn't going .	Was I working? Was he working? Was I going? Was he going?
Simple Present Perfect	just yet never ever already so far, up to now, since for recently	- you say that sth. has happened or is finished in the past and it has a connection to the present - action started in the past and continues up to the present	have / has + past participle* *(infinitive + ed) or (3rd column of table of irregular verbs)	I have worked . He has worked . I have gone . He has gone .	I haven't worked . He hasn't worked . I haven't gone . He hasn't gone .	Have I worked? Has he worked? Have I gone? Has he gone?
Present Perfect Progressive	all day the whole day how long since for	- action began in the past and has just stopped - how long the action has been happening emphasis: length of time of an action	have / has + been + infinitive + ing	I have been working . He has been working . I have been going . He has been going .	I haven't been working . He hasn't been working . I haven't been going . He hasn't been going .	Have I been working? Has he been working? Have I been going? Has he been going?

Simple Past Perfect	already just never	- mostly when two actions in a story are related to each other: the action which had already happened is put into <i>Past Perfect</i>, the other action into <i>Simple Past</i> - the past of the <i>Present Perfect</i>	had + past participle* *(infinitive + ed) or (3rd column of table of irregular verbs)	I had worked . He had worked . I had gone . He had gone .	I hadn't worked . He hadn't worked . I hadn't gone . He hadn't gone .	Had I worked ? Had he worked ? Had I gone ? Had he gone ?
Past Perfect Progressive	how long since for	how long something had been happening before something else happened	had + been + infinitive + ing	I had been working . He had been working . I had been going . He had been going .	I hadn't been working . He hadn't been working . I hadn't been going . He hadn't been going .	Had I been working ? Had he been working ? Had I been going ? Had he been going ?
will - future		- predictions about the future (you think that sth will happen) - you decide to do sth. spontaneously at the time of speaking - main clause in type I of the Conditional sentences	will + infinitive	I'll work . He'll work . I'll go . He'll go .	I won't work . He won't work . I won't go . He won't go .	Will I work ? Will he work ? Will I go ? Will he go ?
going to - future		- when you have already decided to do sth. in the future - what you think what will happen	be (am / are / is) + going to + infinitive	I'm going to work . He's going to work . I'm going to go . He's going to go .	I'm not going to work . He's not going to work . I'm not going to go . He's not going to go .	Am I going to work ? Is he going to work ? Am I going to go ? Is he going to go ?

Future Progressive		- An action will be in progress at a certain time in the future. This action has begun before the certain time. - Something happens because it normally happens.	will + be + infinitive + ing	I'll be working . He'll be working . I'll be going . He'll be going .	I won't be working . He won't be working . I won't be going . He won't be going .	Will I be working ? Will he be working ? Will I be going ? Will he be going ?
Future Perfect Simple		sth. will already have happened before a certain time in the future	will + have + past participle * *(infinitive + ed) or (3rd column of table of irregular verbs)	I'll have worked . He'll have worked . I'll have gone . He'll have gone .	I won't have worked . He won't have worked . I won't have gone . He won't have gone .	Will I have worked ? Will he have worked ? Will I have gone ? Will he have gone ?
Future Perfect Progressive		sth. will already have happened before a certain time in the future emphasis: length of time of an action	will + have + been + infinitive + ing	I'll have been working . He'll have been working . I'll have been going . He'll have been going .	I won't have been working . He won't have been working . I won't have been going . He won't have been going .	Will I have been working ? Will he have been working ? Will I have been going ? Will he have been going ?
Conditional Simple		- sth. that might happen - main clause in type II of the Conditional sentences	would + infinitive	I would work . He would work . I would go . He would go .	I wouldn't work . He wouldn't work . I wouldn't go . He wouldn't go .	Would I work? Would he work? Would I go? Would he go?

Conditional Progressive		sth. that might happen emphasis: length of time of an action	would + be + infinitive + ing	I would be working . He would be working . I would be going . He would be going .	I wouldn't be working . He wouldn't be working . I wouldn't be going . He wouldn't be going .	Would I be working ? Would he be working ? Would I be going ? Would he be going ?
Conditional Perfect		- sth. that might have happened in the past - main clause in type III of the Conditional sentences	would + have + past participle* *(infinitive + ed) or (3rd column of table of irregular verbs)	I would have worked . He would have worked . I would have gone . He would have gone .	I wouldn't have worked . He wouldn't have worked . I wouldn't have gone . He wouldn't have gone .	Would I have worked ? Would he have worked ? Would I have gone ? Would he have gone ?
Conditional Perfect Progressive		sth. that might have happened in the past emphasis: length of time of an action	would + have + been + infinitive + ing	I would have been working . He would have been working . I would have been going . He would have been going .	I wouldn't have been working . He wouldn't have been working . I wouldn't have been going . He wouldn't have been going .	Would I have been working ? Would he have been working ? Would I have been going ? Would he have been going ?

We sometimes use **Continuous** instead of **Progressive**. Some signal words can be found in more tenses. We did not list signal words in the future. Always remember what action is described.

Used colours:

blue → infinitive

dark green → auxiliary

orange → ending

grey → irregular verbs in the Simple Past

purple → past participle

light green → signal word

red → negation