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English Tenses – Review

Simple Present

Affirmative **She drinks.**

Negative **She does not drink.**

Interrogative **Does she drink?**

Form **I, you we they play | he, she, it plays**

Uses

- action in the present taking place once, never or several times
- facts
- actions taking place one after another
- action set by a timetable or schedule

Present Progressive

Affirmative **He is reading.**

Negative **He is not reading.**

Interrogative **Is he reading?**

Form **To be (in the simple present) + verb + ing**

Uses

- action taking place at the moment of speaking
- action arranged for the future

Simple Past

Affirmative I cried.

Negative I did not cry

Interrogative Did I cry?

Form **Regular verbs: Verb + ed | Irregular verbs: forms differ and should be learned by heart.**

Uses

- action in the past taking place once, never or several times
- actions taking place one after another

Past Progressive

Affirmative **He was driving.**

Negative **He was not driving.**

Interrogative **Was he driving?**

Form **to be (in the simple past) + verb + ing**

Uses

- action going on at a certain time in the past
- actions taking place at the same time
- action in the past that is interrupted by another action

Present Perfect Simple

Affirmative **They have slept.**

Negative **They have not slept.**

Interrogative **Have they slept?**

Form **Have / has + past participle (past participle of regular verbs: verb + ed | Past participle of irregular verbs: forms differ and should be learned by heart.**

Uses

- emphasis is on the result (not the duration)
- action that started in the past & is still going on
- action that stopped recently
- finished action that has an influence on the present

Present Perfect Progressive

Affirmative **He has been thinking.**

Negative **He has not been thinking.**

Interrogative **Has he been thinking?**

Form **have or has + been + verb + ing**

Uses

- putting emphasis on the course or duration (not the result)
- action that recently stopped or is still going on
- finished action that influenced the present

Past Perfect Simple

Affirmative **She had won.**

Negative **She had not won.**

Interrogative **Had she won?**

Form **had + past participle (past participle of regular verbs: verb + ed | Past participle of irregular verbs: forms differ and should be learned by heart.**

Uses

- action taking place before a certain time in the past
- sometimes interchangeable with past perfect progressive
- putting emphasis only on the fact (not the duration)

Past Perfect Progressive

Affirmative **He had been waiting.**

Negative **He had not been waiting.**

Interrogative **Had he been waiting?**

Form **had + been + verb + ing**

Uses

- action taking place before a certain time in the past
- sometimes interchangeable with past perfect simple
- putting emphasis on the duration or course of an action

Future Simple

Affirmative **I will open the door.**

Negative **I will not open the door.**

Interrogative **Will you open the door?**

Form **will + verb**

Uses

- We use the simple future for instant decisions.
- We use the simple future when we predict a future situation
- We use the simple future in **conditional sentences** type one.

Future Plan (going to)

Affirmative **He is going to clean the car.**

Negative **He is not going to clean the car.**

Interrogative **Is he going to clean the car?**

Form **to be (in the simple present) + going + to + verb**

Uses

- to express the future when we intend to do something or have decided to do something but did not arrange it. It is just an intention.
- predictions in the future

**Future Plan
(Present Progressive)**

Affirmative **He is traveling to Egypt next week.**

Negative **He is not traveling to Egypt next week.**

Interrogative **Is he traveling to Egypt next week?**

Form **to be (in the simple present) + verb + ing**

Uses **when we say what we have planned and arranged to do at a specific time in the future. These are fixed plans with definite time and/or place.**

Future Progressive

Affirmative **She will be listening to music.**

Negative **She will not be listening to music.**

Interrogative **Will she be listening to music?**

Form **will + be + verb + ing**

Uses

- action that is going on at a certain time in the future
- action that is sure to happen in the near future

Future Perfect

Affirmative **He will have spoken.**

Negative **He will not have spoken.**

Interrogative **Will he have spoken?**

Form **will + have + past participle (past participle of regular verbs: verb + ed | Past participle of irregular verbs: forms differ and should be learned by heart.**

Uses **action that will be finished at a certain time in the future**

Future Perfect Progressive

Affirmative **You will have been studying.**

Negative **You will not have been studying.**

Interrogative **Will you have been studying?**

Form **will + have + been + verb + ing**

Uses

- action taking place before a certain time in the future
- putting emphasis on the course of an action

Conditional Simple

Affirmative	We would relax.
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Negative	We would not relax.
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Interrogative	Would we relax ?
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Form	would + verb
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Uses	action that might take place
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Conditional Progressive

Affirmative **He would be writing.**

Negative **He would not be writing.**

Interrogative **Would he be writing?**

Form **would + be + verb + ing**

Uses

- action that might take place
- putting emphasis on the course / duration of the action

Conditional Perfect

Affirmative **He would have written.**

Negative **He would not have written.**

Interrogative **Would he have written?**

Form **would + have + past participle (past participle of regular verbs: verb + ed | Past participle of irregular verbs: forms differ and should be learned by heart.**

Uses **action that might have taken place in the past**

Conditional Perfect Progressive

Affirmative **She would have been sleeping.**

Negative **She would not have sleeping speaking.**

Interrogative **Would she have been sleeping?**

Form **would + have + been + verb + ing**

Uses

- action that might have taken place in the past
- puts emphasis on the course / duration of the action

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