



# VERB TENSES

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## I. Twelve Traditional Verb Tenses

1. **Simple Present-** expresses events or situations that exist always or habitually. IT exists in the past, present, and future.
  - Ex: I eat my lunch everyday.
2. **Simple Past-** expresses an event that has begun and ended in the past.
  - Ex: Yesterday I ate lunch with Chris.
3. **Simple Future-** expresses an event that will occur sometime in the future.
  - Ex: I will eat lunch with friends tomorrow.
4. **Present Progressive-** expresses an action that is in progress in the present but began in the past.
  - Ex: I am eating my lunch right now.
5. **Past Progressive-** expresses an action that was in progress in the past and ended in the past.
  - Ex: I was eating my lunch when the fire alarm sounded.
6. **Future Progressive-** expresses an action that begins and continues in the future.
  - Ex: I will be eating my lunch when the meeting begins.
7. **Present Perfect-** expresses that one event has been completed in the present.
  - Ex: I have eaten my lunch.
8. **Past Perfect-** expresses that one event was completed in the past.
  - Ex: I had already eaten my lunch when the fire alarm sounded.
9. **Future Perfect-** expresses the completion of an event in the future.
  - I will have eaten my lunch before the meeting begins.
10. **Present Perfect Progressive-** expresses that an event is in progress immediately before, or up to another event in the present.
  - Ex: I have been eating my lunch for 20 minutes.
11. **Past Perfect Progressive-** expresses that an event was in progress in the past immediately before or up to another event in the past.
  - Ex: I had been eating my lunch for 20 minutes when the fire alarm sounded.
12. **Future Perfect Progressive-** expresses that an event will progress in the future immediately before or up to another event in the future.