# Table of Tenses

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## Present simple

1. Habitual (repeated) actions:
   - I play golf every week.

2. Permanent truths:
   - Lions live in Africa.

3. Planned future actions (in timetables):
   - The bus departs at 10.

## Present continuous

1. Actions happening at the moment of speaking:
   - I am playing golf now.

2. Temporary activities happening about this time:
   - We are staying at the hotel this week.

3. Definite arrangements in the near future:
   - He is leaving for Paris tonight.

## Past simple

1. Habitual (repeated) actions in the past:
   - We worked in Leeds last year.

2. Actions completed in the past at a definite time:
   - I had a shower in the morning.

3. Actions that follow one after the other:
   - Bill came home. He took off his coat and sat down.

## Past continuous

1. Actions that started before a point of time in the past and continued after it:
   - We were working at 6 o'clock.

2. Actions that started before another (shorter) action in the past and continued after it:
   - I was having a shower when the phone rang.

3. Descriptions of past situations:
   - Bill was smiling. He was thinking about his puppy.

## Future simple

1. General intentions:
   - I will move to Britain sooner or later.

2. Predictions or opinions of the speaker:
   - I hope he will do it for you.

3. Decisions made at the moment of speaking:
   - The bag is too heavy. I will help you.

## Future continuous

1. Actions happening at a point of time in the future:
   - I will be driving to work at 6 o'clock.

## Present perfect simple

1. Actions that started in the past and still continue:
   - We have lived here since last year.

2. Past experience with a present result:
   - I have already seen the film.

3. Past actions with a present result:
   - He has bought a house.

## Present perfect continuous

1. Actions that began in the past, continue up to now and will probably continue in the future:
   - It has been raining for two days.

2. Actions that began in the past, continued up to now and have only just finished:
   - I'm tired because I have been working so hard.

## Past perfect simple

1. Actions completed before another action:
   - When I met Mary, she had already moved to Madrid.

2. Actions completed before a point of time:
   - In 2015 I had won the race three times.

## Past perfect continuous

1. Actions that began before a point of time in the past and were still continuing at that time:
   - At 9 o'clock I had been waiting for two hours.

2. Actions that began before a point of time, continued up to that time or stopped just before it:
   - Josh sat down. He had been cutting grass all day.

## Future perfect simple

1. Actions that will be completed at a certain time in the future:
   - When I return home, I will have been away for a year.

2. Actions that will be completed before a certain time in the future:
   - She will have written her book by the end of this year.

## Future perfect continuous

1. Actions that will continue until a point of time and will continue after it:
   - In June we will have been travelling around the world for five months.

2. Actions that will continue until a point of time and will finish at that time:
   - I will leave my office at 6 o'clock. By then I will have been working on my computer all day.