

## Table of English Tenses

tense	Affirmative/Negative/Question	Use	Signal Words
<u><a href="#">Simple Present</a></u>	<b>A:</b> He speaks. <b>N:</b> He does not speak. <b>Q:</b> Does he speak?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>action in the present taking place <b>once, never or several times</b></li> <li>facts</li> <li>actions taking place one after another</li> <li>action set by a timetable or schedule</li> </ul>	always, every ..., never, normally, often, seldom, sometimes, usually if sentences type I ( <i>If I <b>talk</b>, ...</i> )
<u><a href="#">Present Progressive</a></u>	<b>A:</b> He is speaking. <b>N:</b> He is not speaking. <b>Q:</b> Is he speaking?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>action taking place in the moment of speaking</b></li> <li>action taking place only for a limited period of time</li> <li>action arranged for the future</li> </ul>	at the moment, just, just now, Listen!, Look!, now, right now
<u><a href="#">Simple Past</a></u>	<b>A:</b> He spoke. <b>N:</b> He did not speak. <b>Q:</b> Did he speak?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>action in the past taking place <b>once, never or several times</b></li> <li>actions taking place one after another</li> <li>action taking place in the middle of another action</li> </ul>	yesterday, 2 minutes ago, in 1990, the other day, last Friday if sentence type II ( <i>If I <b>talked</b>, ...</i> )
<u><a href="#">Past Progressive</a></u>	<b>A:</b> He was speaking. <b>N:</b> He was not speaking. <b>Q:</b> Was he speaking?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>action <b>going on</b> at a certain time in the past</li> <li>actions taking place at the same time</li> <li>action in the past that is interrupted by another action</li> </ul>	when, while, as long as
<u><a href="#">Present Perfect Simple</a></u>	<b>A:</b> He has spoken. <b>N:</b> He has not spoken. <b>Q:</b> Has he spoken?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>putting emphasis on the <b>result</b></li> <li>action that is still going on</li> <li>action that stopped recently</li> <li>finished action that has an influence on the present</li> <li>action that has taken place once, never or several times before the moment of speaking</li> </ul>	already, ever, just, never, not yet, so far, till now, up to now
<u><a href="#">Present Perfect Progressive</a></u>	<b>A:</b> He has been speaking. <b>N:</b> He has not been speaking. <b>Q:</b> Has he been speaking?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>putting emphasis on the <b>course or duration</b> (not the result)</li> <li>action that recently stopped or is still going on</li> <li>finished action that influenced the present</li> </ul>	all day, for 4 years, since 1993, how long?, the whole week
<u><a href="#">Past Perfect Simple</a></u>	<b>A:</b> He had spoken. <b>N:</b> He had not spoken. <b>Q:</b> Had he spoken?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>action taking place before a certain time in the past</li> <li>sometimes interchangeable with past perfect progressive</li> <li>putting emphasis only on the <b>fact</b> (not the duration)</li> </ul>	already, just, never, not yet, once, until that day if sentence type III ( <i>If I <b>had talked</b>, ...</i> )
<u><a href="#">Past Perfect Progressive</a></u>	<b>A:</b> He had been speaking. <b>N:</b> He had not been speaking. <b>Q:</b> Had he been speaking?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>action taking place before a certain time in the past</li> <li>sometimes interchangeable with past perfect simple</li> <li>putting emphasis on the <b>duration or course</b> of an action</li> </ul>	for, since, the whole day, all day
<u><a href="#">Future I Simple</a></u>	<b>A:</b> He will speak. <b>N:</b> He will not speak. <b>Q:</b> Will he speak?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>action in the future that cannot be influenced</li> <li><b>spontaneous</b> decision</li> <li>assumption with regard to the future</li> </ul>	in a year, next ..., tomorrow If-Satz Typ I ( <i>If you ask her, she <b>will help</b> you.</i> ) assumption: I think, probably, we might ..., perhaps
<u><a href="#">Future I Simple</a></u> (going to)	<b>A:</b> He is going to speak. <b>N:</b> He is not going to speak. <b>Q:</b> Is he going to speak?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>decision</b> made for the future</li> <li>conclusion with regard to the future</li> </ul>	in one year, next week, tomorrow
<u><a href="#">Future I Progressive</a></u>	<b>A:</b> He will be speaking. <b>N:</b> He will not be speaking. <b>Q:</b> Will he be speaking?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>action that is <b>going on</b> at a certain time in the future</li> <li>action that is sure to happen in the near future</li> </ul>	in one year, next week, tomorrow
<u><a href="#">Future II Simple</a></u>	<b>A:</b> He will have spoken. <b>N:</b> He will not have spoken. <b>Q:</b> Will he have spoken?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>action that will be <b>finished</b> at a certain time in the future</li> </ul>	by Monday, in a week
<u><a href="#">Future II Progressive</a></u>	<b>A:</b> He will have been speaking. <b>N:</b> He will not have been speaking. <b>Q:</b> Will he have been speaking?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>action taking place before a certain time in the future</li> <li>putting emphasis on the <b>course</b> of an action</li> </ul>	for ..., the last couple of hours, all day long
<u><a href="#">Conditional I Simple</a></u>	<b>A:</b> He would speak. <b>N:</b> He would not speak. <b>Q:</b> Would he speak?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>action that <b>might</b> take place</li> </ul>	if sentences type II ( <i>If I were you, I <b>would go</b> home.</i> )
<u><a href="#">Conditional I Progressive</a></u>	<b>A:</b> He would be speaking. <b>N:</b> He would not be speaking. <b>Q:</b> Would he be speaking?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>action that might take place</li> <li>putting emphasis on the <b>course / duration</b> of the action</li> </ul>	
<u><a href="#">Conditional II Simple</a></u>	<b>A:</b> He would have spoken. <b>N:</b> He would not have spoken. <b>Q:</b> Would he have spoken?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>action that <b>might</b> have taken place in the past</li> </ul>	if sentences type III ( <i>If I had seen that, I <b>would have helped</b>.</i> )
<u><a href="#">Conditional II Progressive</a></u>	<b>A:</b> He would have been speaking. <b>N:</b> He would not have been speaking. <b>Q:</b> Would he have been speaking?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>action that might have taken place in the past</li> <li>puts emphasis on the <b>course / duration</b> of the action</li> </ul>	