

THE ENGLISH VERB TENSES AT A GLANCE (focusing on changes in the form of the verb)

Past Perfect	Past Simple	← Present Perfect →	Present Simple	Future Simple	Future Perfect
<p>Distant Past (finished); used to talk about a finished event which happened before a past time.</p> <p>Active: <i>had used</i></p> <p>Passive: <i>had been used</i></p>	<p>PAST finished): used to talk about events in the past.</p> <p>Active: <i>used</i></p> <p>Passive: <i>was/were used</i></p>	<p>Recent Past: used to refer to events that began in the past with the probability of continuing into the present, and we can see the results/effects</p> <p>Active: <i>has/have used</i></p> <p>Passive: <i>has/have been used</i></p>	<p>Used to describe habits/routines/general rules/opinions.</p> <p>Active: <i>use/uses</i></p> <p>Passive: <i>is/are used</i></p>	<p>Used for promises, predictions, future plans.</p> <p>Active: <i>will use</i></p> <p>Passive: <i>will be used</i></p>	<p>Used to say that something will be ended, completed, or achieved by a particular point in the future.</p> <p>Active: <i>will have used</i></p> <p>Passive: <i>will have been used</i></p>
Past Perfect Progressive	Past progressive	Present Perfect progressive	Present Progressive	Future Progressive	Future Perfect progressive
<p>Used to talk about something that was in progress recently, before, or up to a past point in time.</p> <p>Active: <i>had been using</i></p>	<p>Used to describe an event that was in progress during the past time period.</p> <p>Active: <i>was using</i></p> <p>Passive: <i>was being used</i></p>	<p>Used to describe continuous or repeated events extending from the past into the present.</p> <p>Active: <i>has/have been using</i></p>	<p>Used to talk about events which are in progress at the moment of speaking.</p> <p>Active: <i>am/is/are using</i></p> <p>Passive: <i>am/is/are being used</i></p>	<p>Used to talk about a future pre-arranged activity or something predicted to start before a particular point of future time.</p> <p>Active: <i>will be using</i></p>	<p>Used to emphasise the duration of an activity in progress at a particular point in the future.</p> <p>Active: <i>will have been using</i></p>