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Basic Verb Tenses

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| **Verb Tense** | **Formulation** | **Example** |
| Simple present | base form of verb, conjugated | He *runs*. |
| Present continuous | [present tense form of *to be*] + [present participle] | She *is watching* tv. |
| Simple past | [verb] + [ed] | *I walked* to the store. |
| Past continuous | [past tense form of *to be*] + [present participle] | We *were eating* dinner when the telephone rang. |
| Present perfect | [present tense form of *to have*] + [past participle] | She *has seen* that movie already.  They *have traveled* to many countries together. |
| Present perfect continuous | [present tense form of *to have*] + [been] + [present participle] | He *has been waiting* on the package to arrive.  I *have been eating* healthy foods lately. |
| Past perfect | [had] + [past participle] | You *had completed* your homework before you played video games. |
| Past perfect continuous | [had] + [been] + [present participle] | I *had been thinking* about getting a haircut for a while, so I decided to do it. |
| Simple future | [will] + [verb] | We *will go* to the zoo tomorrow. |
| Future continuous | [will] + [be] + [present participle] | They *will be playing* soccer by the time we get there.  I’*ll be looking* for new apartments all day tomorrow. |
| Future perfect | [will] + [have] + [past participle] **OR** [form of *to be*] + [going to have] + [past participle] | She *will have finished* the assignment by the time we get to the second problem!  You *are not going to have visited* 50 countries by the end of the year. |
| Future perfect continuous | [will have been] + [present participle] **OR**  [form of *to be*] + [going to have been] + [present participle] | We *will have been* *going* to school together for five years by the end of the semester.  She *is going to have been working* on that project for six hours by 7pm. |