

Tenses



Simple present tense is used for actions that usually happen, for statements that are always true, for statements that are true for now and for the instantaneous present.

Examples

Jack *reads* a book every day.

The sky *is* blue.

It *is* sunny today.

He *sits* down as class starts.



Simple past tense is used for actions that have already happened.

Examples

I *walked* to school this morning.

I *sat* in that spot yesterday.



Present continuous tense is used for actions that are still occurring and for future planned events.

Examples

Wayne *is writing* a letter to his friend.
They *are going* to the beach tomorrow.



Past continuous tense is used for actions that were in progress in the past, and for an action taking place before another one took place.

Examples

The pupils *were shouting* as they ran.
Noelle *was studying* when she heard a crash.



Future tense is used for events that will happen in the future. It can be formed with '**will/shall/be going to + infinitive**', or for planned events using '**will/shall + be + -ing**'.

Examples

I *will be going to swim* at the beach tomorrow.
Keith *will be travelling* to Japan next month.



Present continuous tense can be used for future events.

Examples

The principal *is visiting* our class tomorrow.
He *is walking* to school next week.



Present conditional tense is used for events that are likely to happen.

Examples

If you *do* not wake up on time, you *will* be late.
He *will* fail if he does not *submit* his test.

Tense	Root word 'stare'
Simple present	stare
Present continuous	staring
Simple past	stared
Past continuous	was/were staring
Present perfect	has/have stared
Present perfect continuous	has/have been staring
Past perfect	had stared
Past perfect continuous	had been staring
Simple future	will/shall stare
Future continuous	will/shall be staring