

# TENSE

Definition: Tense is the form in which a verb is used to express when an action will be performed.

Tense denote the time of verbs.

## Three types of tense like\_

- A. Present tense.
- B. Past tense.
- C. Future tense.

## A. Present tense: 4 types of present tense. like\_

- 1. Present Indefinite.
- 2. Present continuous.
- 3. Present perfect.
- 4. Present perfect continuous.

**1. Present indefinite:** Present indefinite tense denotes an action in the present time or habitual truth.

**Structure: Sub+ Present form of verb + obj:**

### Use of present indefinite tense:

- 1. To express present action or events or fact.
- 2. To express a habitual action.
- 3. To express general truth.
- 4. In imperative sentence.
- 5. In quotations and reporting.

Example:- I read a book.

The sun rises in the east.

**2. Present continuous:** When an action is continued or going to be continued in near future is called present continuous.

**Structure: Sub + am/is/are + (verb + ing )+ obj:**

### **Use of present continuous:**

1. For an action going on at the time at speaking.
2. Imagining an unseen activity.
3. For an action that is planned or arranged to take place in the near future.
4. For giving information about third person where about.
5. For describing.

Example:- I am reading a book.

We are reading a book.

**3. Present perfect:** Present perfect tense is used when the work has been done but its effect lasts.

**Structure: Sub + have/has + main verb past participle + obj:**

### **Use of present perfect:**

1. To indicate completed action in the immediate past.
2. To express past action whose time is not definite.
3. To denote an action beginning at some time past and continuing up to the present moment.

Example: - I have done the work.

We have done the work.

**3. Present perfect continuous:** The present perfect continuous tense is used for an action which began at some time in the past and still continuing.

**Structure: Sub + has been/have been + (verb + ing) + obj;**

### **Use present perfect continuous:**

1. For an action which began at some time in the past and still continuing.

Example: - Lipka has been waiting you for long time.

**B. Past tense: 4 types of past tense. like\_**

1. Past indefinite.
2. Past continuous.
3. Past perfect.
4. Past perfect continuous.

**1. Past indefinite:** Past indefinite tense is used to denote an action completed in the past or a past habit.

**Structure: Sub + past form of verb + obj;**

**Use of past indefinite:**

- a. It often occurs with adverbs.
- b. Sometimes it is used without an adverb of time.
- c. Simple past is also used for past habits.

Example: - I did the work.

You did the work.

**2. Past continuous:** Past continuous tense is used when the action was continued from some times in the past.

**Structure: Sub + was/were + (verb + ing) + obj;**

**Use of past continuous:**

1. To talk about any continuing process of doing something in the past.
2. To describe a background action.

Example:- She was playing football.

I was playing football.

**3. Past perfect:** Past perfect tense is used in the former action between two completed actions in the past.

**Structure: Sub + had + verb.p.p + obj;**

**Use of past perfect:**

1. To describe an action completed before an action moment in the past.
2. If two actions happened in the past.

**4. Past perfect continuous:** Past perfect continuous tense is used for an action that begun before a certain point in the past and continued up to that time.

**Structure:- Sub + had been + (verb + ing )+ obj;**

**Use of past perfect continuous:**

1. To express an action that continued in the past for a given period of time.

**C.Future tense: 4 types of future tense. like\_**

1. Future indefinite
2. Future continuous.
3. Future perfect.
4. Future perfect continuous.

1. **Future indefinite:** Future indefinite tense is used when an action will be done or will happen in future.

**Structure: Sub + shall/will + present form of verb + obj;**

Example: I shall go to school.

You will go to school.

2. **Future continuous:** Future continuous tense is used when an action is thought to be going on the future.

**Structure: Sub + shall be/will be + (verb + ing) + obj;**

Example: I shall be doing the work.

She will be doing the work.

3. **Future perfect:** Future perfect tense is used to indicate the complete of an action by a certain time in the future.

**Structure: Sub + shall have/will have + verb.p.p + obj;**

Example: I shall have written the letter by that time.

**4. Future perfect continuous:** Future perfect continuous tense is used by a certain future.

**Structure:** Sub + shall have been/will have been + (verb+ ing) + obj;

Example:- I shall have been doing the work before my father comes.