

Grammar

English Tense Chart

	Present	Past	Future
Simple	1	5	9
Continuous	2	6	10
Perfect	3	7	11
Perfect Continuous	4	8	12

English Tense Chart

	Present	Past	Future
Simple	I type	I typed	I will type
Continuous	I am typing	I was typing	I will be typing
Perfect	I have typed	I had typed	I will have typed
Perfect Continuous	I have been typing	I had been typing	I will have been typing

English Tense Chart

	Present	Past	Future
Simple	He doesn't type	He didn't type	he won't type
Continuous	He isn't typing	He wasn't typing	He won't be typing
Perfect	He hasn't typed	he hadn't typed	He won't have typed
Perfect Continuous	he hasn't been typing	He hadn't been typing	He won't have been typing

Question Form

	Present	Past	Future
Simple	Does he type?	Did he type?	Will he type?
Continuous	Is he typing?	Was he typing?	Will he be typing?
Perfect	Has he typed?	Had he typed?	Will he have typed?
Perfect Continuous	Has he been typing?	Had he been typing?	Will he have been typing?

Negative Question Form

	Present	Past	Future
Simple	Doesn't he type?	Didn't he type?	Won't he type?
Continuous	Isn't he typing?	Wasn't he typing?	Won't he be typing?
Perfect	Hasn't he typed?	Hadn't he typed?	Won't he have typed?
Perfect Continuous	Hasn't he been typing?	Hadn't he been typing?	Won't he have been typing?

Number of Concepts

	Present	Past	Future
Simple	3	2 + 1	3 + 1
Continuous	4	2	2
Perfect	3	2	1
Perfect Continuous	2	2	1

Simple Present

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Simple Present Concepts

✓ Concept 1:

To talk about Facts:

The Earth goes around the sun.

The sun rises from the East.

Water boils at 100 degrees Celsius.

✓ Concept 2:

To talk about Habits:

I play tennis every day.

I go shopping every other day / every two days / once a week

I always/usually/often/sometimes/seldom/never go to the Cinema.

✓ Concept 3:

To talk about officially timetabled future events:

My plane leaves at 9 pm.

Simple Present Continuous

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Simple Present Continuous Concepts

✓ Concept 1:

To talk about actions in progress at the time of speaking:

The boys are playing tennis in the garden.

✓ Concept 2:

To talk about temporary habits:

My brother is living in Toronto these days.

I am working on a new project this month.

✓ Concept 3:

To talk about arranged future events:

I am seeing my doctor tomorrow. (I have an appointment)

Simple Present Continuous Concepts

✓ Concept 4:

To talk about irritating habits:

she's always coming to class late.

He is never listening to me.

Present Perfect

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Present Perfect Concepts

✓ Concept 1:

To talk about our past experience without referring to the exact time:

I have seen this movie twice before.

Have you (ever) been abroad?

✓ Concept 2:

To talk about past actions whose effects are still present without referring to the exact time:

I have (already/just) eaten lunch (I am not hungry now)

✓ Concept 3:

To talk about actions which started in the past and are still in progress:

I have worked here since 2000 / for 12 years (I still work)

I have lived here since we moved to Canada.

Present Perfect Continuous

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Present Perfect Continuous Concepts

✓ Concept 1:

To talk about actions which started in the past and are still in progress:

I have been working here for 18 years / since 2000

✓ Concept 2:

To emphasize an activity which started in the past and may or may not be in progress now especially to show our feelings:

I have been waiting for you here for two hours.

Simple Past

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Simple Past Concepts

✓ Concept 1:

To talk about an action that happened once or twice in the past:

I had breakfast yesterday.

I went to the Cinema last night.

I went swimming two days ago.

✓ Concept 2:

To talk about an action or a habit that happened repeatedly:

When I was a kid, I ate a lot of chocolate.

I worked here from 1990 to 2000 / for ten years.

Note:

We also use “used to” to talk about actions or a habit that happened repeatedly in the past but **not anymore**:

When I was a kid, I used to have a lot of chocolate every day.

Simple Past Continuous

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Simple Past Continuous Concepts

✓ Concept 1:

To talk about an action that was in progress when another event took place:

She was watching TV when he arrived.

✓ Concept 2:

To talk about two or more actions which were all in progress at the same time:

While I was watching TV, he was fixing his car.

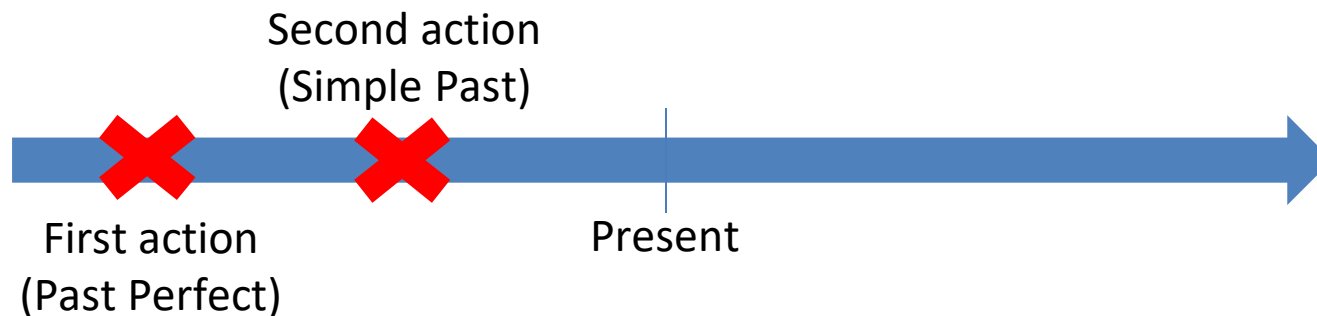
Past Perfect

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Past Perfect Concepts

✓ Concept 1:

To talk about two past actions one of which happened before the other:



Before / By the time / When I got home, he had left

Second action
(Simple Past)

First action
(Past Perfect)

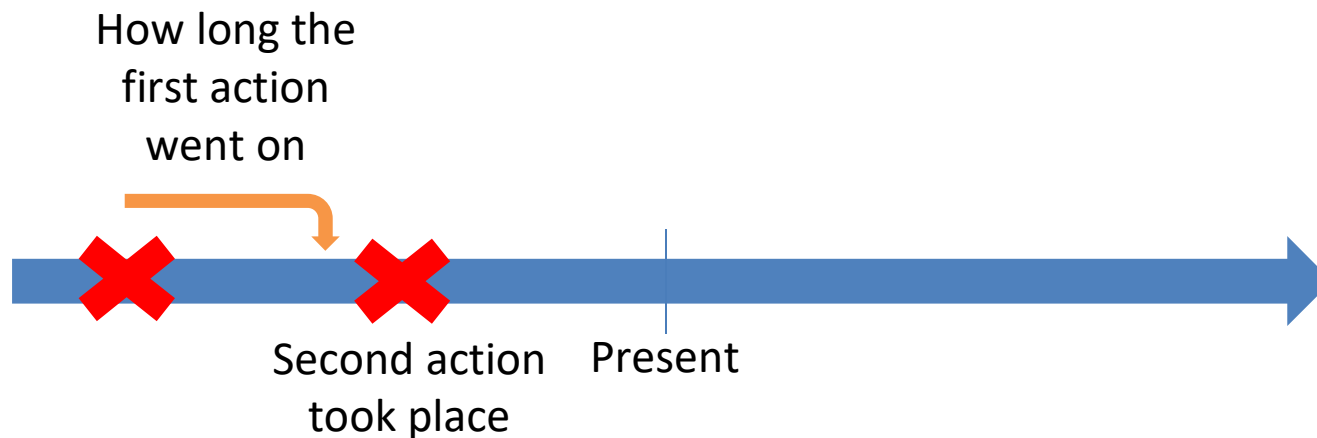
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Past Perfect Continuous Concepts

✓ Concept 1:

To say how long an action went on until another past event took place:



I had been watching TV for an hour when she arrived

Simple Future

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Simple Future Concepts

✓ Concept 1:

To talk about a decision or a promise:

I will leave at 9 in the morning.

Probably / certainly I will meet him tomorrow.

✓ Concept 2:

An event which is certainly (based on past experience or information) going to happen:

Stay here overnight, the children will love it.

Look at those clouds, it will (surely / certainly) rain.

✓ Concept 3:

To talk about sudden decisions which are carried out immediately:

The phone is ringing, I'll get it.

“To be going to”

Note:

To talk about a decision, we can also use “to be going to”

We're going to leave at 9 in the morning

Probably / certainly I am going to meet him tomorrow.

To talk about predictions we only use “to be going to”:

Look at the sky, it is going to rain.

Future Continuous

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Future Continuous Concepts

✓ Concept 1:

To talk about an action in the future which is already arranged or planned:

We will be serving steak tonight.

Dr. Bruce will be giving a talk on climate change next week.

✓ Concept 2:

To talk about an action in progress at a particular time in future:

I will be taking a bath at 9.

I will be taking a bath when you get back.

(the action is in progress at 9)

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Future Perfect Concepts

✓ Concept 1:

To talk about an action which is completed by a particular time in the future:

I will have typed the letters by 9.

By the time you get back, I will have cleaned the house.

I will have fixed the car before you arrive home.

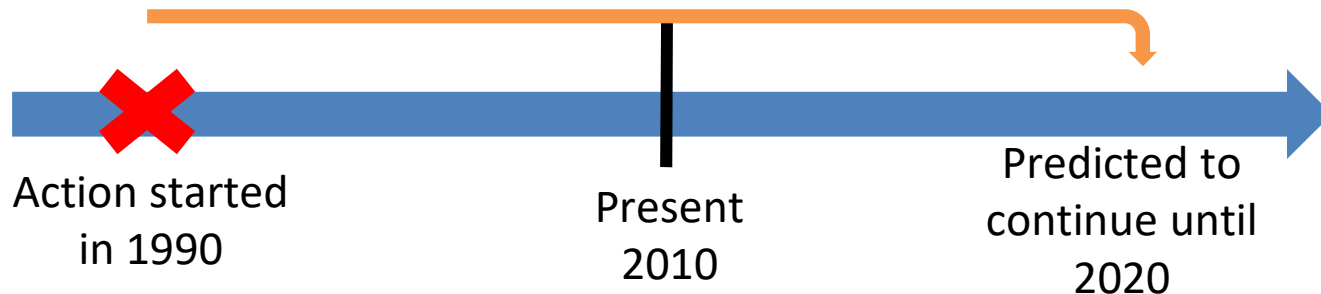
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Future Perfect Continuous Concepts

✓ Concept 1:

To talk about duration of an action which started in the past and is predicted to continue until a particular time in the future:



I will have been working here for 30 years by 2020

Thank you