

## TENSES CHART

| TENSE                        | FORM  | USE   | TIME EXPRESSIONS  |
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| <b><u>Simple Present</u></b> | <b>A:</b> He goes.<br><b>N:</b> He doesn't go<br><b>Q:</b> Does he go?                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Habits and routines : <i>I sometimes sing in the shower</i></li> <li>Facts: <i>We like ice-cream</i></li> <li>Facts which are always true: <i>Asturias is in the north of Spain</i></li> <li>Planned future action set by a timetable or schedule: <i>We leave London at eight next Tuesday</i></li> <li>With stative verbs: like, love, hate, hear, believe...</li> </ul>                     | Frequency Adverbs: always, never...<br>Time expressions: in the morning, at o'clock<br><br>How often...?  |
| <b>Present Continuous</b>    | <b>A:</b> He is learning.<br><b>N:</b> He is not learning.<br><b>Q:</b> Is he learning? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For an action happening now: <i>I am learning English</i></li> <li>Temporary actions: taking place only for a limited period of time. <i>I'm living with my sister until I find a flat</i></li> <li>Actions happening around the time of speaking: <i>I am reading a book by Isabel Allende</i></li> <li>action arranged for the near future: <i>I'm meeting my sister tonight</i></li> </ul>  | at the moment, just, just now, Listen!, Look!, now, right now<br><br>this year, at present, today, these days<br><br>next Friday/week/year , tomorrow |
| <b><u>Simple Past</u></b>    | <b>A:</b> He went.<br><b>N:</b> He did not go.<br><b>Q:</b> Did he go ?                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Actions completed in the past at a definite time, even when the time is not given. <i>Pasteur died in 1895</i></li> <li>Past habit: He always wore a black suit.</li> <li>Actions taking place one after another. <i>He climbed the stairs and then followed me.</i></li> <li>Action taking place in the middle of another action. <i>I was having a shower when the phone rang</i></li> </ul> | yesterday, 3 days ago, in 1967, in the 1980s, in the 17 <sup>th</sup> century, when, then, last Friday.   |
| <b>Past Continuous</b>       | <b>A:</b> He was singing.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>action <b>going on for some time</b> at a certain time in the past. <i>At 9 o'clock ,</i></li> </ul>   | Last night/week/year/ at 4 o'clock<br>when, while, as long as   |

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|  | <p><b>N:</b> He was not singing.<br/> <b>Q:</b> Was he singing?</p>   | <p><i>I was waiting for my son</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>actions taking place at the same time joined by <b>while</b> or <b>as</b>: <i>While I was cooking, my husband was laying the table.</i></li> <li>action in the past that is interrupted by another action joined by <b>when</b> : <i>I was having a shower when the phone rang</i></li> </ul>   |  |
| <p><b>Present Perfect Simple</b></p>     | <p><b>A:</b> He has written.<br/> <b>N:</b> He hasn't written.<br/> <b>Q:</b> Has he written?</p>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When we put the emphasis on the <b>result</b>. <i>The lift has broken down ( we have to use the stairs)</i></li> <li>An action that started in the past (we don't say when ) and it has not finished or has just finished. <i>I have just seen Mary. I have written three letters this morning.</i></li> <li>finished action that has an influence on the present</li> <li>action that has taken place once, never or several times before the moment of speaking. . <i>I have been to London three times in my life.</i></li> </ul> | <p>How long...? For+ a period of time, since + a point in time.</p> <p>In recent years , already, ever, just, never, yet, not yet, so far, till now, up to now, recently</p> |
| <p><b>Present Perfect Continuous</b></p> | <p><b>A:</b> He has been teaching.<br/> <b>N:</b> He hasn't been teaching.<br/> <b>Q:</b> Has he been teaching?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We put the emphasis on the <b>duration</b> (not the result). <i>He has been waiting for an hour and she still hasn't turned up.</i></li> <li>With certain verbs the action can be expressed by either the present perfect simple or the continuous with no difference in meaning: learn, lie, live, look, rain, sleep, sit, study,teach,work, wait...etc.</li> </ul>   | <p>Same as above</p>   |
| <p><b>Past Perfect Simple</b></p>        | <p><b>A:</b> He had spoken.<br/> <b>N:</b> He hadn't spoken.<br/> <b>Q:</b> Had he spoken?</p>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To talk about an action taking place before a certain time in the past. <i>By the time the police arrived , he had already left</i></li> <li>The emphasis is put on the result</li> </ul>  | <p>already, by the time, after, before, just, never, not yet, until that day</p>   |
| <p><b>Past Perfect</b></p>               | <p><b>A:</b> He had</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is the continuous form of the Past perfect and sometimes</li> </ul>   | <p>for, since, the whole day, all day</p>  |

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| <b>Continuous</b>                          | <p>been talking.<br/> <b>N:</b> He hadn't been talking.<br/> <b>Q:</b> Had he been talking?</p>                   | <p>interchangeable with it</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• putting emphasis on the <b>duration or course</b> of an action. Compare: <i>He had tried five times to get her on the phone/he had been trying to get her on the phone</i></li> </ul>  |  |
| <b>Future Simple</b>                       | <p><b>A:</b> He will come.<br/> <b>N:</b> He won't come.<br/> <b>Q:</b> Will he come?</p>                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For an <b>spontaneous decision</b>. <i>The phone is ringing~I'll answer it!</i></li> <li>• <b>To predict based on what you think</b> will happen in the future. I think Real Madrid will win the league.</li> <li>• <b>A planned schedule:</b> <i>the tour of the Old City will begin at 8.00</i></li> <li>• Promises, threats,..etc</li> </ul> | <p>in an hour, next month,soon, tomorrow, in the future</p> <p>probably, perhaps, possibly, surely</p> |
| <b>Future Simple</b><br><b>Be going to</b> | <p><b>A:</b> He is going to run.<br/> <b>N:</b> He is not going to run.<br/> <b>Q:</b> Is he going to run?</p>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A planned action</b> for the near or remote future, an intention to do sth in the future. <i>When I grow up I am going to be a doctor.</i></li> <li>• <b>A prediction</b> based on present evidence. <i>Be careful! You're going to fall!</i></li> </ul>   | <p>in one year, next week, tomorrow, in a few weeks, on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June...</p>              |
| <b>Future Continuous</b>                   | <p><b>A:</b> He will be speaking.<br/> <b>N:</b> He won't be speaking.<br/> <b>Q:</b> Will he be speaking?</p>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To express an action that is <b>going on</b> at a certain time in the future: <i>we'll be visiting London next week</i></li> </ul>  | <p>At this time tomorrow, in one year, next week, tomorrow</p>   |
| <b>Future Perfect</b>                      | <p><b>A:</b> He will have spoken.<br/> <b>N:</b> He will not have spoken.<br/> <b>Q:</b> Will he have spoken?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To express an action that will be <b>finished</b> at a certain time in the future. It is normally used with a time expression beginning with <b>by</b>: <i>By the end of next week we will have finished all his exams.</i></li> </ul>  | <p>by Monday, by then, by that time, in a week</p>   |