

## TENSES IN NO TIME PAST

We sometimes use **Continuous** instead of **Progressive**. Some signal words can be found in more tenses. We did not list signal words in the future. Always remember what action is described.

Used colours: **blue** – infinitive **dark green** – auxiliary **orange** → ending **grey** → irregular verbs in the Simple Past **purple** → past participle **Pink** → signal word **red** → negation

Tense	Signal words	Use	Form	Examples affirmative	Examples negative	Examples interrogative
<b>Simple Past</b>	Last ... ... ago in 1990 yesterday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>action took place in the past, mostly connected with an expression of time (no connection to the present)</li> </ul>	<i>regular: infinitive + ed</i>  irregular: (2nd column of table of irregular verbs)	<i>I worked.</i> <i>He worked.</i>  <i>I went.</i> <i>He went.</i>	<i>I didn't work.</i> <i>He didn't work.</i>  <i>I didn't go.</i> <i>He didn't go.</i>	Did I work? Did he work?  Did I go? Did he go?
<b>Past Progressive</b>	while	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>an action happened in the middle of another action</li> <li>someone was doing sth. at a certain time (in the past) - you don't know whether it was finished or not</li> </ul>	<i>was/were + infinitive + ing</i>	<i>I was working.</i> <i>He was working.</i>  <i>I was going.</i> <i>He was going.</i>	<i>I wasn't working.</i> <i>He wasn't working.</i>  <i>I wasn't going.</i> <i>He wasn't goin</i>	Was I working? Was he working?  Was I going? Was he going?
<b>Simple Present Perfect</b>	Just yet never ever already so far, up to now, since for recently	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>you say that sth. has happened or is finished in the past and it has a connection to the present</li> <li>action started in the past and continues up to the present</li> </ul>	<i>have/has + past participle*</i> <i>*(infinitive + ed) or (3rd column of table of irregular verbs)</i>	<i>I have worked.</i> <i>He has worked.</i>  <i>I have gone.</i> <i>He has gone.</i>	<i>I haven't worked.</i> <i>He hasn't worked.</i>  <i>I haven't gone.</i> <i>He hasn't gone</i>	Have I worked? Has he worked?  Have I gone? Has he gone?

<b>Present perfect progressive</b>	<p>all day</p> <p>the whole day</p> <p>how long</p> <p>since</p> <p>for</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• action began in the past and has just stopped</li> <li>• how long the action has been happening</li> <li>• emphasis: length of time of an action</li> </ul>	<p>have/has + been + infinitive + ing</p>	<p>I have been working. He has been working.</p> <p>I have been going. He has been going</p>	<p>I haven't been working. He hasn't been working.</p> <p>I haven't been going. He hasn't been going.</p>	<p>Have I been working? Has he been working?</p> <p>Have I been going? Has he been going?</p>
<b>Simple Past Perfect</b>	<p>already</p> <p>Just</p> <p>never</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mostly when two actions in a story are related to each other: the action which had already happened is put into <i>Past Perfect</i>, the other action into <i>Simple Past</i></li> <li>• the past of the <i>Present Perfect</i></li> </ul>	<p>had + past participle* *(infinitive + ed) or (3rd column of table of irregular verbs)</p>	<p>I had worked. He had worked.</p> <p>I had gone. He had gone.</p>	<p>I hadn't worked. He hadn't worked.</p> <p>I hadn't gone. He hadn't gone.</p>	<p>Had I worked? Had he worked?</p> <p>Had I gone? Had he gone?</p>
<b>Past Perfect Progressive</b>	<p>how long</p> <p>since</p> <p>for</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• how long something had been happening before something else happened</li> </ul>	<p>had + been + infinitive + ing</p>	<p>I had been working. He had been working.</p> <p>I had been going. He had been going.</p>	<p>I hadn't been working. He hadn't been working.</p> <p>I hadn't been going. He hadn't been going.</p>	<p>Had I been working? Had he been working?</p> <p>Had I been going? Had he been going?</p>