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# Tense chart in english with rules and examples pdf

Image: Jose Luis Pelaez Inc / DigitalVision / Getty Images When you think of verb tenses, the first thing that comes to mind might be those foreign language classes you took in school. The teaching of second languages usually involves a more theoretical approach than all that pointing and parroting, constant immersion and downright necessity that constitute a baby's first language-learning experience. Plus, with the knowledge that everyone already has a language under their belt, a teacher of a second language has the tools to explain the underpinnings in a way that can't really be done through pantomiming. (So, while a native English speaker might be a dab hand at conjugating Spanish verbs, they could find themselves hard-pressed to identify what's happening in their native tongue.) First of all, "tense" is often confused with "mood." "Tense" refers to time. The three basic tenses are past, present and future. (Well ... "some" grammar nerds say that the future isn't actually a tense in English due to the way it's constructed ... but ignore that for now.) Tenses are subdivided into "aspects." These convey how the speaker of the sentence perceives an event temporally, in relation to themselves and to other actions they're speaking about. The main aspects are "simple" (if a tense has a simple aspect, it's often just referred to as plain "past," "present" or "future"), progressive (which is alternatively called "continuous"; think "ing" words), perfect (using the auxiliary — "helping" — verb have/had) and perfect progressive (just ... all of the things.) Is your head spinning yet? This is all rather difficult to explain without context, but taking the quiz should clear things up in no time! Let the learning begin! 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If you scored medium to high on this scale, you probably engage in a behavioral style that is not conducive to effective stress management. If you can find more time to relax, you will counteract the negative effect of stress. Learn how to relax your body and emotions by focusing your attention on more peaceful thoughts. Being tense and finding little or no time to relax is an important stress indicator. The value you place on taking time for yourself determines whether you are a relaxed person in a tense world. Tense people often feel incredible levels of guilt about taking it easy and being good to themselves. Prolonged tension can cause muscle aches, pain, and fatigue. Back and headache pain are the most common physical symptoms of too much stress and tension. Other symptoms include the following: Pain and disease Poor decision making Reduced physical energy Increased errors Burnout Lower quality of work Difficulty concentrating Tendency to avoid others Tense people rarely take lunch breaks, read books, or take a walk. So what can you do to help yourself? Take time for you! Ask yourself: "Am I giving too much to others and not enough for myself? Do I need to take time to pamper myself?" If the answers are "yes," refuse to feel guilty about it and do it! If you feel guilty when you do something enjoyable for yourself, chances are you will stop doing it. Ultimately, you lose. You may be living your life through other people's standards and expectations. Take control of your guilt-producing thoughts. Focus on the benefits to you and your family that will occur when you are a more relaxed and energized person. Go to lunch and don't rush! Take a long lunch break at least three times a week. Don't do business during lunch. Read a novel over a cup of tea. Go to a museum. Sit quietly by a stream. Eat slowly. Try a new restaurant. Go out with a good friend and agree not to discuss problems or business. Walk every day! Walk by yourself or with a friend. Talk about possibilities, not problems. Exercise more! Join an aerobics class, go to the gym, play tennis, ride a bike, hike on weekends, go to a fitness resort, or jog with friends. Exercise will do more to reduce stress hormones and chemicals in our body than any other activity. Learn deep relaxation skills! Take a class in yoga, imagery training, progressive relaxation, or autogenics. Practice your relaxation skills every day. Listen to relaxation tapes! Audiotapes are an excellent way to learn how to let go and relax. Develop the skill of deep relaxation that will cleanse your body of damaging stress hormones and chemicals. Listen to relaxing music! Any type of music you find enjoyable can help you to let go and relax. 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But sometimes, understanding exactly how they work can be a little confusing. Here's a quick guide to help you understand tenses in English grammar. Verb tenses help us describe when and how different actions take place and different things happened. In some cases, you can use multiple tenses in a single sentence, for example, if you were to say: "I worked there for six years, but now I will be working somewhere else." In that sentence, you're utilizing both the simple past tense and the future continuous tense. It may sound confusing at first, but remember, you probably use all of these tenses naturally in your daily speech. Remembering their names is just a matter of practice and memorization. Present tense, as you may have guessed, refers to things that are happening right now. If someone asks where you live and you reply, "I live in New York City," you just used present tense. Every tense can take on four forms: the simple, the continuous, the perfect and the perfect continuous. An example of simple present would be your reply, "I live in New York City." If you were to use present continuous, you might say, "I am living in New York City right now." If you used present perfect tense, you would say, "I have lived in New York City for several years." And finally, if you wanted to use present perfect continuous, you could say, "I have been living in New York City for a long time." If you sat down to tell a friend about everything you did today, you would probably tell that story in past tense, because you're talking about events that've already happened, and are now in the past. So if you say to your friend, "I jogged past the park," you're using past simple tense. If you say, "I was tired," you're using past continuous. If you say, "I had only gone a mile," you're using past perfect tense. And finally, if you conclude, "I had been awake for hours the night before," you're using past perfect continuous. Finally, when we discuss things that will happen or that we think are going to happen, we utilize future tense. For example, if someone tells you "It will rain this afternoon," that's simple future tense. If they say, "It will be raining soon," that's future continuous. If they say "It will have rained tonight," that's future perfect. And if they say, "It will have been raining for hours," that is (you guessed it) future perfect continuous. You can use different forms of the same tense in a single series of sentences and maintain clarity. But can you use two completely different tenses in the same sentence? The answer is yes. Look again at the example above: "I worked there for six years, but now I will be working somewhere else." Past tense and future tense blend seamlessly in this case. But in some cases, you want to stick with a single tense. You don't want to write: "George walked out of his house. He jumps in a cab and will have traveled six miles by noon." Understanding verb tenses helps you construct sentences that get your point across clearly. iStock/BraunS You've heard before how tough it is for non-English speakers to learn the language. There are strange spellings, surprising pronunciations, and random exceptions to nearly every rule. (Why do tough, though, and thought sound so different? The world may never know.) You may not know about this common grammar mistake you're making. Rules about word order come naturally to native English speakers—with some gentle reinforcement from our elementary school teachers—but are hard to teach those who are learning English as a second language. For instance, did you realize you always arrange adjectives the same way? When using multiple words to describe an object, native English speakers naturally list the adjectives in this order: Opinion Size Age Shape Color Origin Material Purpose I found more than one adjective falls into the same category, the order for those words doesn't matter. In The Elements of Eloquence: How to Turn the Perfect English Phrase, author Mark Forsyth gives an example of how the right arrangement plays out. "You can have a lovely little old rectangular green French silver whittling knife," he writes. "But if you mess with that order in the slightest you'll sound like a maniac." Describe a green silver whittling French old little rectangular lovely knife, and you'll probably lose your listeners. (Related: These grammar rules make you sound smarter.) OK, so you'll probably rarely describe an item with that many words. But the rule becomes even clearer when you stick with just a few adjectives. For instance, you'd say an "awesome (1), old (3), red (5) convertible" or a "small (2), round (4), wooden (7) bowl" without switching up the words. More than likely, you wouldn't have been able to come up with that list of adjective order if no one had pointed it out to you—after all, it just comes naturally if English is your first language—but English learners devote entire lesson plans to memorizing the right arrangement. "I think what fascinates people about language is that in one sense it's so familiar—we use it every day (unless you're a lighthouse keeper)—but we don't know that we know so much about it," Forsyth told BBC Trending. "It's the odd rules about the order of adjectives or about reduplication, or the bits of etymology that are utterly obvious once you point them out." MORE: 10 Strict Grammar Rules It's Probably Safe to Ignore Learning verb tenses is one of the most important tasks in any language learning. There are a number of resources at the site that will help you learn tense rules, practice using verbs in different tenses, read sample sentences in a variety of tenses, teach tenses in class, and more. For an overview of conjugation of all these tenses, use the tense tables or the visual guide to tenses for reference. Teachers can use these guides on how to teach tenses for further activities and lesson plans in class These explanation resources provide the rules for each tense, as well as examples of proper tense use. Use the time expression commonly used with the tense, as well as the example sentences to help you get started. Present Simple Every day - When do you get up? / Tom usually eats lunch at home. Present Continuous Now - She's watching TV at the moment. / I'm not working, I'm reading a newspaper. Past Simple Yesterday - They went on vacation last July. / Where did you meet Tim? Past Continuous Yesterday, at X o'clock They were watching TV at 5 o'clock yesterday. / What were you doing when he came home? Present Perfect Since / For - I've lived here a long time. / Have you ever seen that film? Past Simple vs. Present Perfect I've lived here for many years. vs. I lived there before I moved to New York. Present Perfect Continuous Since / For + Time - We've been working since 8 this morning. / What has she been doing recently? Past Perfect Already - They had already eaten when she arrived. / Had you finished the report by the time he asked for it? Future with Will Tomorrow, Next week - We'll get together next week. / Will you be able to come tomorrow? Future with Going to Tomorrow, Next year, semester, etc. - They're going to study Russian next semester. / Where are you going to stay? Future Perfect By, By the time - I'll have finished by the time he arrives. / Will you have done the work by six? Future Continuous At X o'clock, This time next year, month, week / What will you be doing this time next year? - She'll be working tomorrow at 10 o'clock. Conditional Forms If questions - What would you do if you had enough time? / If she is in town, she'll come to the meeting. Alternate Conditional Forms Modal Verbs Asking Permission, Giving Advice, etc. - May I help you? / He should see a doctor. Modal Verbs of Probability Stating guesses - He must have stayed at home today. / She might be downstairs. These tense explanations cover basic tenses and are especially for beginners. They include easier English as well as example dialogues of tense use. Present Simple Past Simple Present Perfect Future with Will Future with Going to Modal Form Basics Once you understand the tense use, these quizzes will help you test your knowledge. The more you practice, the more confident you will feel using various tenses. Past Tenses Review Simple Past or Present Perfect Present Perfect or Present Perfect Continuous Advanced Tense Identification Conditional Forms Passive Forms Quiz If you have a good understanding of tense use, these pages will help you review tenses as they relate to each other. 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