

English tenses

English has 12 tenses which are divided into four main categories: Simple, Continuous, Perfect, and Perfect Continuous. All tenses have different forms for affirmative, negative and interrogative statements. Here are the 12 tenses in English grammar with examples:

1. Simple Present Tense: used to describe habits, general truths, and everyday activities.

Example:

Affirmative: I play soccer every Saturday.

Negative: I do not play soccer on any day other than Saturday.

Interrogative: Do I play soccer every day of the week?

2. Present Continuous Tense: used to describe an ongoing action in the present.

Example:

Affirmative: I am playing soccer right now.

Negative: I am not playing soccer right now.

Interrogative: Am I playing soccer right now?

3. Simple Past Tense: used to describe a completed action in the past.

Example: Affirmative: I played soccer yesterday.

Negative: I did not play soccer yesterday.

Interrogative: Did I play soccer yesterday?

4. Past Continuous Tense: used to describe an ongoing action in the past.

Example:

Affirmative: I was playing soccer when she called.

Negative: I was not playing soccer when she called.

Interrogative: Was I playing soccer when she called?