

1 Past Tense

1.1 Past Simple Tense



Who were they? Where did they go? What happened?

On autumn evening, Charles and Beth went to the theater. They attended a play. The play started at 7:00. Charles and Beth enjoyed the theater.

After the play, Charles and Beth walked together in the park. They walked beside the lake. The moon was bright. They talked about their future.

When Charles and Beth went home, their children were not asleep. They waited for Charles and Beth to return. They were excited to hear about the theater!

Charles told the children about the play. Then, Beth put the children to bed. Charles and Beth were very tired. It was a good night!

Answer the following questions. Use the simple past tense.

1. What did Charles and Beth attend? What time did it start?
2. What did Charles and Beth do after they left the theater? What did they talk about?
3. Who waited for Charles and Beth to return home? What did Beth do?

1.2 Past continuous Tense



Who was she? Where was she? What was happening?

Yesterday, it was raining and thundering all day. Ann was playing inside the house. She wanted to be outside. She wasn't playing outside because it was raining. She was feeling tired of being trapped inside the house.

Ann was trying to keep busy inside the house. She was reading her book until the electricity went out. Then, she decided to practice her sewing. She was practicing sewing until lunchtime. After lunch, she sat by the window and watched the rain.

While Ann was watching the rain, the phone rang. Her mother was calling to say she was coming home. She was bringing a new game. Ann and her mother ate ice cream and played the game.

While they were playing, the rain stopped! But Ann didn't even notice. She was having such a good time with her mum!

Answer the following questions. Use the past continuous tense.

1. Where was Ann playing yesterday? Why wasn't she playing outside?
2. What was Ann doing before the electricity went out? What was she doing until lunchtime?
3. At the end of the story, the rain stopped. What was Ann doing?

1.3 Past Continuous Tense



Where were they? What did they do? What had they done?

Last weekend, Mark and Trisha went on a date. Mark took Trisha to the golf course. Mark loved to golf. He had learnt to golf as a child. He had even played on a team in high school.

Before that day, Trisha had never golfed. She did not know how to hold the golf club. She did not know the rules.

Mark taught Trisha how to play. After Trisha had learnt the basics, she hit the ball. It was a good hit! Mark had taught Trisha well.

Answer the following questions. Use the future perfect tense.

1. When had Mark learnt to golf? When had he played on a team?
2. Before that day, had Trisha ever golfed?
3. When did Trisha finally hit her first ball? Had Mark taught her well?

1.4 Past Perfect Continuous Tense



Who are they? What had they been doing? Where had they been going?

Donald and Elizabeth had been driving to church before they stopped. They had been driving down a dirt road when they heard a strange noise. Donald stopped the car. He got out of the car. Then, he helped Elisabeth out of the car. Elizabeth sat and waited for Donald.

Donald looked at the car. It had been going for an hour or so. He knew how to fix cars. He had been working as a mechanic for 5 years before he moved to the country. Donald got his tools. He looked under the hood. It seemed that the engine had been heating up. He crawled under the car.

Donald had been working on the car for a while when Jake parked beside him. Jake had been driving home when he saw Donald and Elizabeth on the side of the road. Jake helped Donald fix the car. Donald thanked Jake for his help. Elizabeth waved to Jake as they drove away. Thanks to Jake's help, they arrived at church on time.

Answer the following questions. Use the past perfect continuous tense.

1. Where had Donald and Elizabeth been driving before the car stopped?
2. How long had the car been going before it stopped? How long had Donald been working as a mechanic before he moved to the country?
3. Where had Jake been driving when he saw Donald and Elizabeth?

2 Present Tense

2.1 Present Simple Tense



Who is he? Where is he ? What does he do?

Hank is a cowboy. He lives on a farm. He has a horse named Ginger. Hank loves Ginger. He rides Ginger every day. Sometimes they walk slowly, and sometimes they run fast. They always have a good time.

Ginger is Hank's horse. She is light brown. Her tail and mane are dark brown. She is three years old. She lives in the stable by the house.

Ginger waits for Hank every morning. She enjoys their time together. Often, Hank gives her apples. After long rides, Hank always washes and brushes Ginger. He usually brushes her tail. Then, he gives her food and fresh water. Ginger loves Hank.

Answer the following questions. Use the simple present tense.

1. Where does Hank live? What does he do every day?
2. Who is Ginger? Where does Ginger live?
3. What does Hank often give Ginger? What does Hank do after long rides?

2.2 Present Continuous Tense



Who are they? Where are they? What are they doing?

Now Janet is in her house. She is sitting on a wood chair. She is holding a coat. She is fixing it.

James is Janet's husband. He is sitting in front of her. He is fixing clothes too.

Elizabeth is sitting next to James. She is Janet's sister. Right now she is helping Janet and James. They are working together. They are fixing clothes.

At this moment a man is coming in. He is wearing dark clothes. He is carrying a pile of clothes. They are all working very hard.

Answer the following questions. Use the present continuous tense.

1. Where is Janet sitting now? What is she doing?
2. Where is James sitting now? What is he doing?
3. Who is coming in at this moment? What is he carrying?

2.3 Present Perfect Tense



Who are they? What have they done? What has happened?

Linda has just walked outside with Grandmother. She wears an apron. So far, she has finished cleaning and washing. She has always gathered seeds and crumbs.

Now Linda and Grandmother are outside. Linda has just dropped some seeds on the ground to feed the birds. The birds have not come yet.

Recently, Grandmother has moved in with Linda's family. She now enjoys living with them.

Grandmother has already sat down on the bench. She also wears an apron. She has just finished cooking.

Grandmother and Linda wait for the birds. They have seen birds in the yard before. Grandmother has always liked to watch the birds. Linda has always liked to feed them.

Answer the following questions. Use the present perfect tense.

1. What has Linda finished doing so far? What has she just dropped on the ground?
2. Where has Grandmother moved recently? What has Grandmother just finished doing?
3. What has Grandmother always liked to do? What has Linda always liked to do?

2.4 Present Perfect Continuous Tense



Who are they? What have they been doing?

Jack has been playing the game of marbles since he was 5 years old. He likes to play marbles. He plays with the other kids. He also teaches other kids how to play the game.

Lately, he has been teaching Brian how to play marbles. He has been teaching Brian all the rules of the game. He has been teaching Brian how to win.

Brian is Jack's friend. Recently, he has been learning to play marbles. He has been wishing to play the game for many years. The past few days, his friend, Jack, has been teaching him how to play marbles. It is a fun game.

Answer the following questions. Use the present perfect continuous tense.

1. How long has Jack been playing the game of marbles?
2. Lately, whom has Jack been teaching to play marbles? What has he been teaching him?
3. What has Brian been learning recently?

3 Future Tense

3.1 Future Simple Tense



Who is she? What will she do? What is going to happen?

On Saturday, Katie will be one year old. Katie's parents are going to have a birthday party. The party is going to begin at noon on Saturday. Many people will be at the party. Katie will have so much fun!

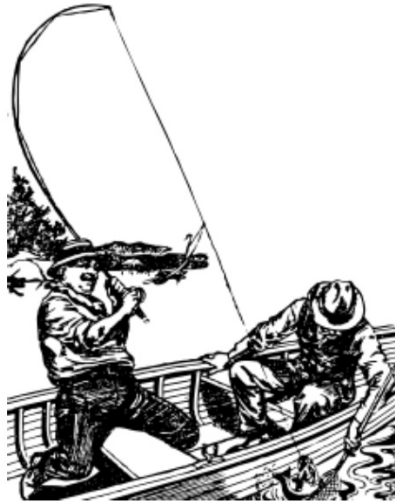
Katie's dad is going to cook beefburgers. Katie's grandmother is going to bring ice-cream. Katie's aunt is going to bake a cake. It will be a chocolate cake. Katie will love her cake!

All of Katie's relatives will bring presents. Katie is going to open her presents after lunch. Then, everyone will eat cake and ice-cream. Katie is going to have a good first birthday!

Answer the following questions. Use the simple future tense.

1. How old will Katie be on Saturday? What time is her party going to start?
2. Who is going to bake the cake? What kind of cake will it be?
3. When is Katie going to open her presents? What will happen then?

3.2 Future Continuous Tense



Who are they? What will they be doing? What will be happening?

Brad likes to fish. He fishes whenever he can. This weekend he will be fishing at the lake. It is his favorite place to fish.

Mark is Brad's friend. Mark likes to fish too. He also fishes whenever he can. This weekend he will be fishing at the lake with Brad. They will be camping at the lake all weekend.

Mark will be picking up Brad at 8 o'clock Friday night. Brad will be ready when Mark arrives. They will be driving all night before they get to the lake.

They are excited about the weekend. Brad and Mark both love to fish. They love to fish together. They will be fishing together for many years!

Answer the following questions. Use the future continuous tense.

1. Where will Brad be fishing this weekend? Who will be fishing with Brad?
2. What else will Brad and Mark be doing at the lake? When will Brad be picking up Mark?
3. How long will Brad and Mark be driving before they get to the lake?

3.3 Future Perfect Tense



Who is he? What will he have done? What will have happened?

Mr. Jones is a farmer. He owns a big farm. He plants crops in his fields in the spring, By the time he finishes planting this spring, he will have planted 10 acres of crops. He is going to have planted many crops.

Mr. Jones must finish plowing before it starts to rain. He is working hard. At this rate, he will have finished planting before it rains. Mr. Jones and his horse will have worked many long hours by the time they finish tonight.

Answer the following questions. Use the future perfect tense.

1. How many acres of crops will Mr. Jones have planted by the time he finishes planting this spring?
2. Will Mr. Jones have finished planting before it rains?
3. How many hours will Mr. Jones and his horse have worked by the time they finish tonight?

3.4 Future Perfect Continuous Tense



Who is he? What will he have been doing?

Pete is a window washer. Today, he is going to be washing windows on the 13th floor of a downtown office building. He will have been washing windows for almost 10 hours when he finishes all the windows on the 13th floor. He will be very tired tonight because he will have been working so hard.

Although the work is difficult, Pete enjoys his job. In August, he will have been working as a window washer for 5 years. He will have been washing windows in this city for the past 5 years.

Answer the following questions. Use the future perfect continuous tense.

1. How many hours will Pete have been washing windows when he finishes the 13th floor windows?
2. Why will Pete be tired tonight?
3. In August, how long will Pete have been working as window washer?