

VERB TENSES

GUIDE

	SIMPLE	CONTINUOUS	PERFECT	PERFECT CONTINUOUS
Present	They write. He writes.	They are writing. He is writing.	They have written. He has written.	They have been writing. He has been writing.
Past	They wrote. He wrote.	They were writing. He was writing.	They had written.	They had been writing.
Future	They will write. He will write.	They will be writing. He will be writing.	They will have written.	They will have been writing.

	SIMPLE	CONTINUOUS	PERFECT	PERFECT CONTINUOUS
Present	They write . He writes . V-s	They are writing . He is writing . be + V -ing	They have written . He has written . have V₃	They have been writing . He has been writing . have been V-ing
Past	They wrote . He wrote . V₂	They were writing . He was writing . was + V -ing	They had written . had V₃	They had been writing . had been V-ing
Future	They will write . He will write . will V	They will be writing . He will be writing . will be + V -ing	They will have written . will have V₃	They will have been writing . will have been V-ing

	SIMPLE	CONTINUOUS	PERFECT	PERFECT CONTINUOUS
Present	They write. every morning always, usually, often, sometimes on Mondays twice a week	They are writing. now at the moment at present	They have written. just, already yet, never, ever recently this year	They have been writing. all morning for hours/ years since How long?
Past	They wrote. yesterday ago when in 2012 last year	They were writing. yesterday at 6 o'clock yesterday from 3 to 9 while/as when he came	They had written. yesterday before he came by the time he came by 5 o'clock yesterday	They had been writing. yesterday for 2 hours since when he came
Future	They will write. tomorrow soon next year in 2 days	They will be writing. at 6 o'clock tomorrow this time on Sunday from 9 am till 5 pm tomorrow	They will have written. by the end of next week by /at this time tomorrow next month at this time	They will have been writing. for 5 years next year for 2 weeks by the 1 st of April since 2013