



Verb Tenses - CLB 5/6

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Outline

- **Discussion: What do you know?**
- **Verb Tenses in English**
- **Tips for learning verb tenses**
- **Practice: Correcting a letter**

Discussion: What Do You Know?

1. What is a verb?
2. What is a verb tense?
3. How many tenses are there in English?
4. Can you name any of them?
5. Why is it important to learn them?

Discussion: What Do You Know?

1. A verb is a word used to describe an action or state.
2. A verb tense refers to **when** the action took place.
3. 3 main tenses, 12 in total
4. past - present - future (simple, progressive, perfect, perfect progressive)
5. To be understood, to speak/write correctly

Verb Tenses in English

<p>Simple Past She went to the store yesterday.</p>	<p>Simple Present She goes to the store every day.</p>	<p>Simple Future She will go to the store later.</p>
<p>Past Progressive She was going to the store when she saw an accident.</p>	<p>Present Progressive She is going to the store now.</p>	<p>Future Progressive She will be going to that store.</p>
<p>Past Perfect She had gone to the store by the time he got home.</p>	<p>Present Perfect She has gone to that store before.</p>	<p>Future Perfect She will have gone to the store by 5:00pm.</p>
<p>Perfect Progressive She had been going to the store until last week.</p>	<p>Perfect Progressive She has been going to that store lately.</p>	<p>Future Perfect Progressive She will have been going to the store for years by next week.</p>

Simple Past Tense

Used to describe an action/state that was in the past.

Sentence: She wore a dress yesterday.

Question: What did she wear yesterday.

Negative: She didn't wear a dress yesterday.

Past Progressive

Used to describe an ongoing activity in the past. This activity is often interrupted by another action.

Sentence: John was walking home when it started raining.

Negative: John wasn't walking home when it started raining.

Question: Was John walking home when it started raining?

Simple Present

Used to describe facts and habits.

Sentence: We eat fish every Monday.

Negative: We don't eat fish.

Question: Do you eat fish?

Present Progressive

Used to describe actions that are happening now (or in the future)

Sentence: Sarah is listening to her favourite music.

Negative: Sarah is not (isn't) listening to her favourite music.

Question: Is Sarah listening to her favourite music?

Present Perfect

Used to describe actions that began or happened in the past but may have some connection to the present.

Sentence: Lu has seen many movies.

Negative: Lu has not (hasn't) seen many movies.

Question: Has Lu seen many movies?

Present Perfect Progressive

Used to describe actions that began in the past, but still continue.

Sentence: They have been eating for hours.

Negative: They haven't been eating for hours.

Question: Have they been eating for hours?

Simple Future

Used to describe actions that will happen in the future.

Sentence: Bob will buy a new house next year.

Negative: Bob will not (won't) buy a new house next year.

Question: Will Bob buy a new house next year?

Future Progressive

Used to describe ongoing actions that will occur in the future.

Sentence: I will be working for myself in 2 years.

Negative: I will not (won't) be working for myself in two years.

Question: Will I be working for myself in two years?

Tips for Learning Verb Tenses

1. Pay attention
2. Don't try to learn them all at once
3. Practice using them in your writing and speech
4. Ask people to correct you
5. Find resources online or in the library
6. Start with the most common ones
7. Pictures can help
8. Practice making sentences, negative sentences and questions



Practice: Correcting a Letter

Help me correct the letter.

There are 13 mistakes.



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Please letting me know if it's ok or not.

Talk to you soon,

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