

Verbs come in three **tenses: past tense, present tense, or future tense.**

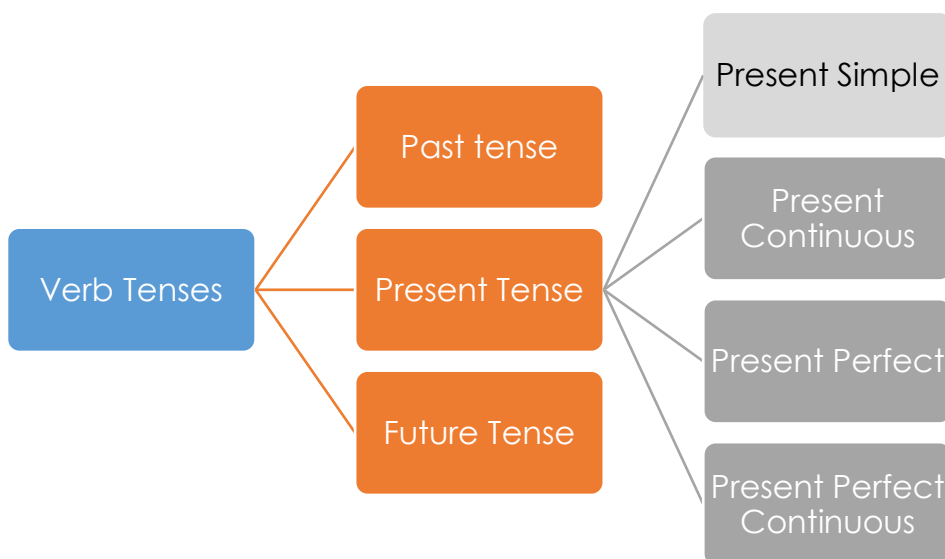
A tense shows **the time an action happened.**

1. The **past tense** describes actions that happened **in the past.**
2. The **present tense** is used to describe actions that are happening **right now, or actions that are continuous.**
3. The **future tense** is used to describe **actions that have yet to happen** (e.g., later, tomorrow, next week, next year, two years from now)

In this lesson we learn part one of four present tenses:

These four present tenses are:

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| 1 Present Simple: | I work. |
| 2 Present Continuous: | I am working. |
| 3 Present Perfect: | I have worked. |
| 4 Present Perfect Continuous: | I have been working. |



Print this sheet and use it as long as necessary. Try to memorize the rules consciously by repeating.

1. he, she, it:
add s with
most verbs

- I like fishing.
- You like fishing.
- He **likes** fishing
- She **likes** fishing.
- It **likes** fishing.
- We like fishing.
- They like fishing.

2. verbs
ending
consonant +
y: he, she,
it:
change y to
ie and add s

- I cry.
- You cry.
- He **cries**.
- She **cries**.
- It **cries**.
- We cry.
- They cry.

3. have:
he, she, it:
change
have to has

- I have a bicycle.
- You have a bicycle.
- He **has** a bicycle.
- She **has** a bicycle.
- It **has** a bicycle.
- We have a bicycle.
- They have a bicycle.

4. verbs
ending in
consonant +
o: add es.

- I do nothing.
- You do nothing.
- He **does** nothing.
- She **does** nothing.
- It **does** nothing.
- We do nothing.
- They do nothing.

5. verbs
ending:
s,z,ch,sh and
x: add es

- He **watches** TV.
- She **kisses** her daughter.
- He **boxes** in the big stadium.
- She **washes** the dishes.
- It **buzzes** around.
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Consonants are:
b,c,d,f,g,h,j,k,l,m,n,p,q,r,s,t,v,w,x,y,z
Vowels are: a,e,i,o,u
(easier: a e i o u are vowels. All
other alphabet letters are
consonants)

Tip: Be careful with memorizing! Don't overstrain yourself by forcing the knowledge into your brain. Keywords are 'relax' and 'concentrate' when you study. Just read the text about 5 times on several days and you'll have it.

1. Basic verbs ending with:
-ss -ch -sh -x, and o:
 add **es**.

Don't forget:
 Only with:
'he' 'she' and 'it'.

Verb	he, she, it
push	He pushes.
fix	She fixes.
wish	It wishes.
kiss	He kisses.
brush	She brushes.
cross	It crosses.
watch	He watches.

2. **'Opinions', 'likes', and 'feelings'.**



I am very **upset** about this.
 I **hate** hamburgers.
 He **likes** to make snowmen.



Some more 'opinion' verbs: Some more 'feelings' verbs:

I **think**.

I am **worried**.

I **believe**.

I am **bored**.

I **agree**.

I am **upset**.

I **disagree**.

I am **depressed**.

3. Repeated actions:

The action is repeated or happens usually.

I walk past Tom's house **every day**.

Jane shops at the supermarket **once a week**.

I visit France **every 2 years**.

We **never** read a newspaper.

I **sometimes** read magazines.

He **often** visits the night market.

Repeating Words

sometimes

every

never

usually

seldom

always

often

4. Statements of facts:

A statement is a short and very clear expression of facts by speaking or writing.

The action (fact) **does not necessarily need to happen at this moment.**

'Sandra works at a Christian hospital.'

This does not mean she is working there right now (at this moment). Maybe she is at home now.

Sandra works at a Christian hospital.

Fons **teaches** at King's Royal College.

Clarence **drives** an off road motorcycle.

The rules **say** that students must come in time.

The cat **takes good care** of its kittens.



6. Print this Conjugations (different forms) Chart for longer Use.

Print this sheet and use it as long as necessary.

1. yes (affirmative)	2. no (negative)	3. short (contraction)	4. question (Interrogative)	5. answer: yes	6. answer: no, short
I work.	I do not work.	I don't work.	Do I work?	Yes, I do.	No, I don't.
You work.	You do not work.	You don't work.	Do you work?	Yes, you do.	No, you don't.
He works.	He does not work.	He doesn't work.	Does he work?	Yes, he does .	No, he doesn't .
She works.	She does not work.	She doesn't work.	Does she work?	Yes, she does .	No, she doesn't .
It works.	It does not work.	It doesn't work.	Does it work?	Yes, it does .	No, it doesn't .
We work.	We do not work.	We don't work.	Do we work?	Yes, we do.	No, we don't.
They work.	They do not work.	They don't work.	Do they work?	Yes, they do.	No, they don't.