

VERB TENSES

Tense	Simple	Continuous	Perfect	Perfect Continuous
Present	<p>A repeated action.</p> <p><i>I play soccer three nights a week.</i></p>	<p>An action that is happening now.</p> <p><i>I am playing soccer now.</i></p>	<p>An action that has happened at an unspecified time.</p> <p><i>I have played soccer.</i></p>	<p>An action that has started in the past and is continuing.</p> <p><i>I have been playing soccer all morning.</i></p>
Past	<p>An action that has ended.</p> <p><i>I played soccer.</i></p>	<p>An action that was happening when another action happened.</p> <p><i>I was playing soccer, but it started to rain.</i></p>	<p>An action that happened before another one.</p> <p><i>I had played soccer before it rained.</i></p>	<p>An action that had been happening before another action.</p> <p><i>I had been playing soccer before it rained.</i></p>
Future	<p>A plan for a future action.</p> <p><i>I will play soccer tomorrow night.</i></p>	<p>A future action that will happen for a length of time.</p> <p><i>I will be playing soccer on Friday.</i></p>	<p>An action that will finish before another future action.</p> <p><i>I will have played soccer before it rains.</i></p>	<p>An action that happens over time before another future action.</p> <p><i>I will have been playing soccer before it rains.</i></p>