

# CHART OF GRAMMAR TENSES

	INDEFINITE	CONTINUOUS	PERFECT	PERFECT CONTINUOUS
PRESENT	<p><b>+</b> V<sub>1</sub>, when <b>he, she, it</b> + V<sub>1</sub> <u>s,es</u></p> <p><b>?</b> <b>do, does</b> + V<sub>1</sub> <u>s,es</u></p> <p><b>-</b> <b>do, does + not</b> + V<sub>1</sub> <u>s,es</u></p> <p>ACTION HAPPENS IN THE PRESENT, ON A REGULAR BASIS OR REPEATS.</p> <p><i>every day, always, often, usually, sometimes, seldom</i></p> <p><i>I <b>want</b> to let you know, that sometimes I write blog posts. (Just for your record).</i></p>	<p><b>+</b> <b>am is</b> + V<sub>1</sub> + <u>ing</u> are</p> <p><b>?</b> <b>am is</b> + V<sub>1</sub> + <u>ing</u> are</p> <p><b>-</b> <b>am is</b> + <u>not</u> + V<sub>1</sub> + <u>ing</u> are</p> <p>ACTION IS HAPPENING NOW, AT THE MOMENT OF SPEAKING.</p> <p><i>now, at this moment</i></p> <p><i>I <b>am writing</b> a blog post right now. (Please, don't interrupt me!)</i></p>	<p><b>+</b> <b>have has</b> + V<sub>3</sub> or V<sub>1</sub> + <u>d,ed</u></p> <p><b>?</b> <b>have has</b> + V<sub>3</sub> or V<sub>1</sub> + <u>d,ed</u></p> <p><b>-</b> <b>have has</b> + <u>not</u> + V<sub>3</sub> or V<sub>1</sub> + <u>d,ed</u></p> <p>ACTION HAPPENED BY THE MOMENT OF SPEAKING AND WAS COMPLETED. THE RESULT OF THE ACTION IS SPECIFIED.</p> <p><i>already, just, recently, lately, this week, today, since, ever, yet</i></p> <p><i>I <b>have already written</b> a blog post today. (I have expressed all of my thoughts regarding the topic, I won't write anything else).</i></p>	<p><b>+</b> <b>have has</b> + <u>been</u> + V<sub>1</sub> + <u>ing</u></p> <p><b>?</b> <b>have has</b> + <u>been</u> + V<sub>1</sub> + <u>ing</u></p> <p><b>-</b> <b>have has</b> + <u>not</u> + <u>been</u> + V<sub>1</sub> + <u>ing</u></p> <p>ACTION BEGAN IN THE PAST, HAS BEEN GOING ON UP TO THE PRESENT MOMENT. AND IS EITHER STILL CONTINUING OR JUST FINISHED.</p> <p><i>for, up to now, all day, since</i></p> <p><i>I <b>have been writing</b> the blog post for 2 hours already. (And I will keep on doing it!)</i></p>
PAST	<p><b>+</b> V<sub>2</sub> or V<sub>1</sub> + <u>d,ed</u></p> <p><b>?</b> <b>did</b> + V<sub>1</sub> + <u>d,ed</u></p> <p><b>-</b> <b>did</b> + <u>not</u> + V<sub>1</sub> + <u>d,ed</u></p> <p>ACTION HAPPENED IN THE PAST ONCE OR HAPPENED IN THE PAST REPEATEDLY.</p> <p><i>yesterday, last, ago</i></p> <p><i>I <b>wrote</b> a blog post yesterday. (A very long one!)</i></p>	<p><b>+</b> <b>was were</b> + V<sub>1</sub> + <u>ing</u></p> <p><b>?</b> <b>was were</b> + V<sub>1</sub> + <u>ing</u></p> <p><b>-</b> <b>was were</b> + <u>not</u> + V<sub>1</sub> + <u>ing</u></p> <p>ACTION WAS HAPPENING AT CERTAIN MOMENT IN THE PAST.</p> <p><i>at ten o'clock last night, when, while, as long as</i></p> <p><i>I <b>was writing</b> a blog post at 2 p.m. yesterday.</i></p>	<p><b>+</b> <b>had</b> + V<sub>3</sub> or V<sub>1</sub> + <u>d,ed</u></p> <p><b>?</b> <b>had</b> + V<sub>3</sub> or V<sub>1</sub> + <u>d,ed</u></p> <p><b>-</b> <b>had</b> + <u>not</u> + V<sub>3</sub> or V<sub>1</sub> + <u>d,ed</u></p> <p>ACTION HAPPENED IN THE PAST BEFORE ANOTHER PAST ACTION OR ANOTHER MOMENT IN THE PAST.</p> <p><i>already, before, until then</i></p> <p><i>I <b>had finished writing</b> the blog post last night when you called me.</i></p>	<p><b>+</b> <b>had</b> + <u>been</u> + V<sub>1</sub> + <u>ing</u></p> <p><b>?</b> <b>had</b> + <u>been</u> + V<sub>1</sub> + <u>ing</u></p> <p><b>-</b> <b>had</b> + <u>not</u> + <u>been</u> + V<sub>1</sub> + <u>ing</u></p> <p>ACTION BEGAN BEFORE A DEFINITE MOMENT IN THE PAST, CONTINUED UP TO IT AND WAS OR WAS NOT HAPPENING DURING THAT PAST MOMENT.</p> <p><i>before, for one hour, since, all day</i></p> <p><i>I <b>had been writing</b> a blog post for 2 hours when you called me yesterday. (That's why I did not answer).</i></p>
FUTURE	<p><b>+</b> <b>shall will</b> + V<sub>1</sub></p> <p><b>?</b> <b>shall will</b> + V<sub>1</sub></p> <p><b>-</b> <b>shall will</b> + V<sub>1</sub></p> <p>ACTION WILL HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE ONCE OR WILL HAPPEN REPEATEDLY.</p> <p><i>tomorrow, next, soon</i></p> <p><i>I <b>will write</b> my second blog post next week.</i></p>	<p><b>+</b> <b>shall will</b> + <u>be</u> + V<sub>1</sub> + <u>ing</u></p> <p><b>?</b> <b>shall will</b> + <u>be</u> + V<sub>1</sub> + <u>ing</u></p> <p><b>-</b> <b>shall will</b> + <u>be</u> + V<sub>1</sub> + <u>ing</u></p> <p>ACTION WILL HAPPEN AT A DEFINITE MOMENT OR DURING A DEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME IN THE FUTURE.</p> <p><i>when, next, at this time tomorrow</i></p> <p><i>I <b>will be writing</b> a blog post tomorrow at 10 a.m. (I usually finish my breakfast at that time).</i></p>	<p><b>+</b> <b>shall will</b> + <u>have</u> + V<sub>3</sub> or V<sub>1</sub> + <u>d,ed</u></p> <p><b>?</b> <b>shall will</b> + <u>have</u> + V<sub>3</sub> or V<sub>1</sub> + <u>d,ed</u></p> <p><b>-</b> <b>shall will</b> + <u>have</u> + V<sub>3</sub> or V<sub>1</sub> + <u>d,ed</u></p> <p>ACTION WILL HAVE BEEN COMPLETED BEFORE A DEFINITE MOMENT IN THE FUTURE OR BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF ANOTHER FUTURE ACTION.</p> <p><i>by, before, until</i></p> <p><i>I <b>will have written</b> the blog post by 3 p.m. for sure. (It's 2.30 p.m. right now).</i></p>	<p><b>+</b> <b>shall will</b> + <u>have</u> + <u>been</u> + V<sub>1</sub> + <u>ing</u></p> <p><b>?</b> <b>shall will</b> + <u>have</u> + <u>been</u> + V<sub>1</sub> + <u>ing</u></p> <p><b>-</b> <b>shall will</b> + <u>have</u> + <u>not</u> + <u>been</u> + V<sub>1</sub> + <u>ing</u></p> <p>ACTION BEGAN IN THE PAST, LASTED FOR SOME TIME, WILL CONTINUE AND WILL BE COMPLETED AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE.</p> <p><i>by, before, until, for</i></p> <p><i>I <b>will have been writing</b> blog posts for a year on the 15th of May.</i></p>