

most common ←

	Simple	Continuous	Perfect	Perfect Continuous
Present	<p>V₁ / V₁+s (do/ does)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Fact: He is an Engineer at Samsung. Opinion: They do not like durian. Routine: I always drive my car. <p>Frequency adverbs: always, usually, often, sometimes, occasionally, rarely, never.</p>	<p>be (am/ are/ is) + Ving</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing present action: I am reading now, please do not disturb me. Temporary situation: We are hiring twenty new employees this month. Plan: She is getting married in August. Intention: I am trying to reduce caffeine. 	<p>have / has + V₃</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Past action with result in the present: I have already read half of the textbook. Experiences: He has just seen the movie. <p>Focus on result with unspecific time adverbs: for, since, just, yet, ever, never, still, already.</p>	<p>have/ has been + Ving</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Past action that continues to present: I have been working here for six years. How long an action has been happening: She has been living here since 2015. <p>Focus on time, not result: for, since, all day.</p>
Past	<p>V₂ / did + V₁ / didn't + V₁</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Use V₂ for positive: Yes, I saw it yesterday. Use (did + V₁) for question: Did you see it? (didn't + V₁) for negative: No, I didn't see it. <p>Focus on when with specific time indicators: yesterday, last year, in 1995, two years ago.</p>	<p>be (was/ were) + Ving</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> An action in progress in the past: Last night I was reading a great book. Background at time of main action: He was walking <u>when</u> it started to rain. Two or more parallel actions: It was raining <u>while</u> we were walking to work. 	<p>had + V₃</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A completed action before a second action happened in the past: I had just changed the report when my boss called. <p>Focus on result with unspecific time adverbs: for, since, just, yet, already, until, before, after.</p>	<p>had been + Ving</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How long an action had been happening before a second past action happened: I had been typing the report for two hours when my boss called to make corrections. <p>Focus on time, not result: for, since, before.</p>
Future	<p>will + V₁</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Decision: He will get a college degree. Prediction: It will rain this afternoon. Promise: I will cook you dinner soon. <p>Future time: tomorrow, next week, soon, later, in a moment, after awhile, again.</p>	<p>will be + Ving</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> An action in progress in the future: Tomorrow I will surely be flying to Japan. <p>Future prediction: sure, will definitely, certain, probably, may, might, possible, unlikely, definitely won't, impossible.</p>	<p>will have + V₃</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A completed action before a second action will happen in the future: He will have flown to Japan before the sunset. <p>Focus on result with unspecific time adverbs: by, just, already, until, before.</p>	<p>will have been + Ving</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How long an action had been happening before a second future action happens: I will have been waiting here for three hours before my brother's flight arrives. <p>Focus on time, not result: for, before, all.</p>