

## English Tenses Timeline Chart

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This timeline tenses chart provides a handy reference sheet to English tenses and their relationship to one another and the past, present and future. Conjugated verbs are highlighted in **bold**. Tenses which are rarely used in everyday conversation are marked by an asterik (\*).

### TIMELINE

SIMPLE ACTIVE	SIMPLE PASSIVE		PROGRESSIVE / CONTINUOUS ACTIVE	PROGRESSIVE / CONTINUOUS PASSIVE
		PAST TIME		
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		PAST PERFECT		
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		PAST		
		^		
		PRESENT PERFECT		
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		PRESENT		

  

She <b>had already eaten</b> when I arrived.	The painting <b>had been sold</b> twice before it was destroyed.		I <b>had been waiting</b> for four hours when he finally arrived.	The house <b>had been being painted</b> for over a month before they began to decorate the interior. *
I <b>bought</b> a new car last week.	The book <b>was written</b> in 1876 by Frank Smith.		I <b>was watching TV</b> when she arrived.	The problem <b>was being solved</b> when I arrived late for class.
She <b>has lived</b> in California for many years.	The company <b>has been managed</b> by Fred Jones for the last two years.		She <b>has been working</b> at Johnson's for six months.	The students <b>have been being taught</b> for the last four hours. *
He <b>works</b> five days a week.	Those shoes <b>are made</b> in Italy.		I <b>am working</b> at the moment.	The work <b>is being done</b> by Jim.

PRESENT  
MOMENT

FUTURE  
INTENTION

They **are going to fly** to New York tomorrow.

The reports **are going to be completed** by the marketing department.

FUTURE  
SIMPLE

The sun **will shine** tomorrow.

The food **will be brought** later.

She **will be teaching** tomorrow at six o'clock.

The rolls **will be being baked** at two. \*

FUTURE  
PERFECT

I **will have completed** the course by the end of next week.

The project **will have been finished** by tomorrow afternoon.

She **will have been working** here for two years by the end of next month.

The house **will have been being built** for six months by the time they finish. \*

FUTURE  
TIME