

# English Verb Tenses and Participles

<base verb>	BE	EAT	GO	WRITE
<present>	am/is/are	eat/eats	go/goes	write/writes
<past>	was/were	ate	went	wrote
<present participle>	being	eating	going	writing
<past participle>	been	eaten	gone	written

Participle used as an adjective	Participle used as a noun
I took a writing class.	Writing is hard.
We had an eating contest.	I'm tired of eating.
I made a written report.	

	<p><b>Present Tense:</b> A repeated or usual action that happens in the past, now, and the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &lt;present&gt;</li> <li>• DON'T/DOESN'T &lt;base verb&gt;</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Past Tense:</b> An action that started and finished in the past.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &lt;past&gt;</li> <li>• DID NOT (DIDN'T) &lt;present&gt;</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Future Tense:</b> An action that starts at a future time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WILL &lt;base verb&gt;</li> <li>• WILL NOT (WON'T) &lt;base verb&gt;</li> </ul> <p>A promise about an action in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WILL &lt;base verb&gt;</li> <li>• WILL NOT (WON'T) &lt;base verb&gt;</li> </ul> <p>An action that is planned to start at a future time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AM/IS/ARE GOING TO &lt;base verb&gt;</li> <li>• AM/IS/ARE NOT GOING TO &lt;base verb&gt;</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Present Continuous Tense:</b> An ongoing action happening now.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AM/IS/ARE &lt;present participle&gt;</li> <li>• AM/IS/ARE NOT &lt;present participle&gt;</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Past Continuous Tense:</b> A past ongoing action happening at a specific time or at the same time as another action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WAS/WERE &lt;present participle&gt;</li> <li>• WAS/WERE NOT &lt;present participle&gt;</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Future Continuous Tense:</b> An ongoing future action that will happen at the same time as another action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WILL BE &lt;present participle&gt;</li> <li>• WILL NOT BE (WON'T BE) &lt;present participle&gt;</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Present Perfect Tense:</b> An action that began in the past at an unclear or unspecified time and continues now.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HAVE/HAS &lt;past participle&gt;</li> <li>• HAVE/HAS NOT &lt;past participle&gt;</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Past Perfect Tense:</b> A past action that took place before another action or before a past time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HAD &lt;past participle&gt;</li> <li>• HAD NOT (HADN'T) &lt;past participle&gt;</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Future Perfect Tense:</b> A future action that will occur before another future action or before a future time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WILL HAVE &lt;past participle&gt;</li> <li>• WILL NOT (WON'T) HAVE &lt;past participle&gt;</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Present Perfect Continuous Tense:</b> An ongoing action that began in the past, continues now, and may continue in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HAVE/HAS BEEN &lt;present participle&gt;</li> <li>• HAVE/HAS NOT BEEN &lt;present participle&gt;</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Past Perfect Continuous Tense:</b> A past ongoing action that continued until another past action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HAD BEEN &lt;present participle&gt;</li> <li>• HAD NOT (HADN'T) BEEN &lt;present participle&gt;</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Future Perfect Continuous Tense:</b> A future ongoing action occurring before some future time or event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WILL HAVE BEEN &lt;present participle&gt;</li> <li>• WILL NOT (WON'T) HAVE BEEN &lt;present participle&gt;</li> </ul>