The Basic Forms of the English Verb Tenses

	positive	negative	question
present simple	subject + verb (+ s) *I eat.* *She eats toast.*	subject + do / does + not + verb *I don't eat toast.* *She doesn't eat fish.*	(question word +) do / does + subject + verb? *Do you eat breakfast every day?* *When does she eat lunch?*
present simple with 'be'	subject + am / is / are *I am hungry.* *She is in a cafe.*	subject + am / is / are + not *I'm not hungry.* *She isn't happy.*	(question word +) am / is / are + subject…? *Is he at home?* *Why are you hungry?*
present continuous	subject + am / is / are + verb-ing *She's eating toast.* *They are eating lunch now.*	subject + am / is / are + not + verb-ing *He isn't eating.* *We are not eating at home.*	(question word +) am / is / are + subject + verb-ing? *When are they eating?* *Is he eating now?*
present perfect	subject + have / has + past participle *I've eaten breakfast.* *He has eaten lunch.*	subject + have / has + not + past participle *We haven't eaten yet.* *She hasn't eaten the chocolate.*	(question word +) have / has + subject + past participle? *What have you eaten today?* *Has she eaten lunch?*
present perfect continuous	subject + have / has + been + verb-ing *I've been eating.* *She's been eating biscuits all day.*	subject + have / has + not + been + verb-ing *They haven't been eating.* *He has not been eating toast.*	(question word +) have / has + subject + been + verb-ing? *What has she been eating?* *Have they been eating breakfast?*
past simple	subject + past simple (verb +ed) *I ate an apple.* *She ate some rice.*	subject + did + not + verb *She didn't eat anything.* *They did not eat breakfast.*	(question word +) did + subject + verb? *Did you eat the chocolate?* *What did they eat for lunch?*
past simple with 'be'	subject + was / were *I was hungry.* *They were in a restaurant.*	subject + was / were + not *We weren't hungry.* *She wasn't at home.*	(question word +) was / were + subject…? *Why was she hungry?* *Were you hungry?*
past continuous	subject + was / were + verb-ing *I was eating.* *They were eating lunch.*	subject + was / were + not + verb-ing *You weren't eating.* *She wasn't eating a sandwich.*	(question word +) was / were + subject + verb-ing? *Where were you eating?* *Was she eating an apple?*
past perfect	subject + had + past participle *I had eaten.* *She'd eaten lunch.*	subject + had + not + past participle *We hadn't eaten.* *He had not eaten an apple.*	(question word +) had + subject + past participle *Why had you eaten?* *Had they eaten fish before?*
past perfect continuous	subject + had + been + verb-ing *I had been eating chocolate all day.* *She'd been eating breakfast.*	subject + had + not + been + verb-ing *I hadn't been eating.* *She hadn't been eating an apple.*	(question word +) had + subject + been + verb-ing? *Why had he been eating?* *Had they been eating enough fruit?*
future simple	subject + will + verb *I will eat later.* *She will eat at home.*	subject + will + not + verb *We won't eat anything tonight.* *He will not eat fish.*	(question word +) will + subject + verb? *What will you eat for lunch?* *Will she eat meat?*

future continuous	subject + will + be + verb-ing *I will be eating at 8pm.* *She will be eating a sandwich.*	subject + will + not + be + verb-ing *They won't be eating.* *He will not be eating anything.*	(question word +) will + subject + be + verb-ing? *What will you be eating?* *Will they be eating at 6pm?*
future perfect	subject + will + have + past participle *I will have eaten lunch by 3 o'clock.* *She'll have eaten all the chocolate.*	subject + will + not + have + past participle *He won't have eaten lunch yet.* *They will not have eaten their sandwiches.*	(question word +) will + subject + have + past participle? *When will you have eaten?* *Will she have eaten dinner by nine?*
future perfect continuous	subject + will + have + been + verb-ing *They will have been eating fruit.* *We'll have been eating all day.*	subject + will + not + have + been + verb-ing *I won't have been eating fish.* *They will not have been eating lunch.*	(question word +) will + subject + have + been + verb-ing? *What will she have been eating?* *Will you have been eating chocolate?*

Practice Your Learning of the English Tenses

1. Simple Present

She (____) to school every day.

a) go

b) goes

c) gone

d) going

2. Simple Present Negative

They (____) like eating spicy food.

a) doesn't

b) don't

c) didn't

d) aren't

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3. Simple Present Interrogative

(____) he play the guitar?

a) Is

b) Does

c) Do

d) Did

4. Present Continuous

She (____) reading a book right now.

a) is

b) are

c) does

d) has

5. Present Continuous Negative

We (____) watching TV at the moment.

a) aren't

b) don't

c) isn't

d) wasn't

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6. Present Continuous Interrogative

(____) you coming to the party tonight?

a) Are

b) Do

c) Did

d) Is

7. Present Perfect

He (____) already finished his homework.

a) has

b) have

c) is

d) does

8. Present Perfect Negative

They (____) visited that museum before.

a) haven't

b) hasn't

c) didn't

d) aren't

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9. Present Perfect Interrogative

(____) you ever traveled abroad?

a) Are

b) Do

c) Have

d) Did

10. Simple Past

She (____) to the store yesterday.

a) goes

b) went

c) gone

d) going

11. Simple Past Negative

They (____) finish the project on time.

a) don't

b) didn't

c) hasn't

d) aren't

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12. Simple Past Interrogative

(____) he call you last night?

a) Does

b) Do

c) Did

d) Is

13. Past Continuous

I (____) watching TV when you called.

a) am

b) was

c) were

d) is

14. Past Continuous Negative

She (____) sleeping at that time.

a) weren't

b) wasn't

c) didn't

d) isn't

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15. Past Continuous Interrogative

(____) they studying when you arrived?

a) Were

b) Was

c) Are

d) Did

16. Future Simple

They (____) arrive tomorrow.

a) will

b) is

c) are

d) do

17. Future Simple Negative

He (____) attend the meeting next week.

a) won't

b) doesn't

c) isn't

d) don't

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18. Future Simple Interrogative

(____) she visit us next weekend?

a) Does

b) Will

c) Is

d) Do

19. Future Continuous

This time tomorrow, we (____) traveling to Paris.

a) are

b) will be

c) were

d) is

20. Future Perfect

By next year, she (____) completed her degree.

a) has

b) will have

c) had

d) is

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