

# Verb Tenses Poster

past

present

future

simple

Describes an action which is now complete.

**I played tennis.**

Describes a repeated action.

**I play tennis.**

Describes an action which is planned to take place in the future.

**I will play tennis.**

continuous

Describes an action which happened in the past over a length of time.

**I was playing tennis.**

Describes an action that is happening now.

**I am playing tennis.**

Describes an action that will be happening for a length of time.

**I will be playing tennis.**

perfect

Describes an action that had happened before another action took place.

**I had played tennis.**

Describes an action that has happened.

**I have played tennis.**

Describes an action which will be finished before another action takes place.

**I will have played tennis.**

perfect continuous

Describes an action that had been happening before another action.

**I had been playing tennis.**

Describes an action that has started in the past and is continuing.

**I have been playing tennis.**

Describes an action which happens over time before another future action takes place.

**I will have been playing tennis.**

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# Verb Tenses Poster with Substitution Tables

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Describes an action which is now complete.

I	played	tennis.
You		
We		
They		
He		
She		
It		

Describes a repeated action.

I	play	tennis.
You		
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Describes an action which is planned to take place in the future.

I	will play	tennis.
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continuous

Describes an action which happened in the past over a length of time.

I	was playing	tennis.
He		
She		
It		
You	were playing	tennis.
We		
They		

Describes an action that is happening now.

I	am playing	tennis.
You	are playing	tennis.
We		
They		
He	is playing	tennis.
She		
It		

Describes an action that will be happening for a length of time.

I	will be playing	tennis.
You		
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Describes an action that had happened before another action took place.

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Describes an action that has happened.

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He	has played	tennis.
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Describes an action which will be finished before another action takes place.

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Describes an action that had been happening before another action.

I	had been playing	tennis.
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Describes an action that has started in the past and is continuing.

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