

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.

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		
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Describes a repeated action.

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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 been happening before another action.

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