

# The 16 English verb tenses – How to form each one – Examples

	Past Tenses	Present Tenses	Future Tenses	Conditional Tenses
Simple Tenses	<p><b>Past</b></p> <p>There is no formula – the simple past tense is one of the 5 basic forms of the verb</p> <p>Mary lived in Pereira.</p>	<p><b>Present</b></p> <p>There is no formula – the simple present tense is one of the 5 basic forms of the verb</p> <p>My friends live in Arequipa.</p>	<p><b>Future</b></p> <p>will be going to</p> <p>They will live in Marinilla. You are going to live here.</p>	<p><b>Conditional</b></p> <p>would</p> <p>Bob would live in Cuenca, but he works in Quito so he decided to live there.</p>
Progressive Tenses	<p><b>Past Progressive</b></p> <p>Verb "to be" in past tense + present participle (ING)</p> <p>We were living in Málaga.</p>	<p><b>Present Progressive</b></p> <p>Verb "to be" in present tense + present participle (ING)</p> <p>The bird is living in Bogotá.</p>	<p><b>Future Progressive</b></p> <p>Verb "to be" in future tense + present participle (ING)</p> <p>Sue will be living in Granada.</p>	<p><b>Conditional Progressive</b></p> <p>Verb "to be" in cond. tense + present participle (ING)</p> <p>Jose would be living in Perú, but he could not return.</p>
Perfect Tenses	<p><b>Past Perfect</b></p> <p>had + past participle</p> <p>My teacher had lived in Xela from 2010 to 2012.</p>	<p><b>Present Perfect</b></p> <p>have/has + past participle</p> <p>He has lived in Puerto Vallarta for at least 20 years.</p>	<p><b>Future Perfect</b></p> <p>will have + past participle</p> <p>If we stay another month, we will have lived in Medellín for five months.</p>	<p><b>Conditional Perfect</b></p> <p>would have + past participle</p> <p>I would have lived here, but it is cheaper to live in Colombia.</p>
Perfect Progressive Tenses	<p><b>Past Perfect Progressive</b></p> <p>had + been + ING</p> <p>Sarah had been living in Nicaragua before she returned to Guatemala.</p>	<p><b>Present Perfect Progressive</b></p> <p>have/has + been + ING</p> <p>Their family has been living in Mexico for the last 4 months.</p>	<p><b>Future Perfect Progressive</b></p> <p>will have + been + ING</p> <p>By next year, you will have been living in Ecuador for two years.</p>	<p><b>Conditional Perfect Progressive</b></p> <p>would have + been + ING</p> <p>I would have been living in Spain, but then I got married.</p>