

Verb tense review: present, past, and future

1 THE PRESENT OF BE

Statements

I	am	late.
You We They	are	
He She It	is	

2 THE SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE

Statements

I You We They	speak English.
He She	speaks English.

Yes / no questions

Do	I you we they	know them?
Does	he she	eat meat?

Short answers

Yes,	I you we they	do.	No,	I you we they	don't.
	he she it	does.		he she it	doesn't.

Information questions

What do	you we they	need?
When does	he she it	start?
Who	wants needs likes	this book?

3 THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Statements

I	am	watching TV.
You We They	are	studying English.
He She It	is	arriving now.

Yes / no questions

Am	I	going too fast?
Are	you we they	
Is	he she it	

Short answers

Yes,	I	am.	No,	I'm not.
	you	are.		you aren't / you're not.
	he she it	is.		he isn't / he's not.
	we they	are.		she isn't / she's not.
				it isn't / it's not.
				we aren't / we're not.
				they aren't / they're not.

Information questions

What	are	you we they	doing?
When	is	he she it	leaving?
Where	am	I	staying tonight?
Who	is		driving?

4 THE PAST CONTINUOUS

Statements

I	was	singing that song.
You We They	were	playing the piano.
He She It	was	leaving from Central Station.

Yes / no questions

Was	I he she it	landing in Sydney when the storm began?
Were	we you they	

Short answers

Yes,	I he she it	was.	No,	I he she it	wasn't.
	we you they	were.		we you they	weren't.

(The past continuous—continued)

Information questions

When	was	I he she it	speeding?
Where	were	we you they	going?
Who	was		arriving?

5 THE PAST OF BE**Statements**

I He She It	was late.
We You They	were early.

Yes / no questions

Was	I he she it	on time?
Were	we you they	in the same class?

Short answers

Yes,	I he she it	was.	No,	I he she it	wasn't.
	we you they	were.		we you they	weren't.

Information questions

Where	were	we? you? they?	
When	was	he she it	here?
Who	were	they?	
Who	was	he? she? it?	

6 THE SIMPLE PAST TENSE

Many verbs are irregular in the simple past tense. To see the list of irregular verbs, open **Reference Charts** on the *ActiveBook* Self-Study Disc.

Statements

I You He She It We They	stopped working.	I You He She It We They	didn't start again.
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Yes / no questions

Did	I you he she it we they	make a good dinner?
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Short answers

Yes,	I you he she it we they	did.	No,	I you he she it we they	didn't.
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Information questions

When did	I you he she it we they	read that?
Who		called?

7 THE FUTURE WITH WILL**Affirmative and negative statements**

I You He She It We They	will won't	stop at five o'clock.
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Yes / no questions

Will	I you he she it we they	be on time?
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(The future with will—continued)

Affirmative and negative short answers

Yes,	I you he	will.
No,	she it we they	won't.

Information questions

What will	I you he she it we they	do?
Who will		be there?

8 THE FUTURE WITH BE GOING TO**Statements**

I'm You're He's She's It's We're They're	going to	be here soon.
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I'm You're He's She's It's We're They're	not going to	be here soon.
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Yes / no questions

Are	you we they	going to want coffee?
Am	I	going to be late?
Is	he she it	going to arrive on time?

Short answers

Yes,	I	am.	No,	I'm not.
	you	are.		you aren't / you're not.
	he	is.		he isn't / he's not.
	she	is.		she isn't / she's not.
	it			it isn't / it's not.
	we	are.		we aren't / we're not.
	they			they aren't / they're not.

Information questions

What	are	you / we / they	going to see?
When	is	he / she / it	going to shop?
Where	am	I	going to stay tomorrow?
Who	is		going to call?

9 THE PRESENT PERFECT**Affirmative and negative statements**

I You We They	have haven't	left yet.
He She It	has hasn't	

Yes / no questions

Have	I you we they	said enough?
Has	he she it	already started?

Affirmative and negative short answers

Yes, No,	I you we they	have. haven't.
Yes, No,	he she it	has. hasn't.

Information questions

Where	have	I you we they	seen that book?
How	has	he she it	been?
Who	has		read it?

10 THE PASSIVE VOICE**Form the passive voice with a form of be and the past participle of the verb**

	ACTIVE VOICE	PASSIVE VOICE
simple present	Art collectors buy famous paintings.	Famous paintings are bought by art collectors.
present continuous	The Cineplex is showing that film.	That film is being shown by the Cineplex.
present perfect	All the critics have reviewed that book.	That book has been reviewed by all the critics.
simple past	Vera Wang designed this dress.	This dress was designed by Vera Wang.
past continuous	Last year, World Air was still selling tours to the Ivory Coast.	Last year, tours to the Ivory coast were still being sold .
future with will	The children will return the books tomorrow.	The books will be returned tomorrow.
be going to	Bart's Garage is going to repair my car this afternoon.	My car is going to be repaired by Bart's Garage this afternoon.