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# TENSES

## Tenses:

The word Tense is derived from dating language "Tempus" which means Time. Hence Tense is the form taken by verb to indicate time of action, an action may be taken place or it may taken in the past or future.

Verb: Verb is used to describe an action, state (or) occurrence forming main part of the sentences.

⇒ Verbs are classified into two types.  
Main verb and Helping verb.

⇒ Main verbs sub classified into verb forms.  
V<sub>1</sub> form it is also called as Base verb form.  
V<sub>2</sub> - Simple past form.

V<sub>3</sub> - past participle form.

V<sub>4</sub> - Third personal singular in present form (V+ing).

⇒ Helping verbs are divided into two.

i) Auxillary verbs, ii) Modal verbs.

i) Auxillary verbs: Auxillary verbs will have do forms, be forms, have forms.

⇒ Do forms will have do, did, done, doing

⇒ Be forms will have am, is, are

⇒ Have forms will have have, has, had.

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there are three types of Tenses.

- ⇒ In English there are three types of Tenses.  
They are :-
- i) Present Tense
  - ii) Past Tense
  - iii) Future Tense

### 1. Present Tense:

⇒ When a verb refers to present time it is said to be in Present Tense.

Ex: I help you in your work.

⇒ Present Tense are classified into 4 types. They are

- i) Simple Present Tense
- ii) Simple Present continuous Tense
- iii) Simple Present perfect Tense.
- iv) Simple present perfect continuous Tense.

Ex: a) We pluck flowers

b) He works hard

#### i) Simple Present Tense:

⇒ Simple Present Tense is used in universal truths.

Ex: a) The sun rises in the east.

b) The earth revolves around the sun.

c) The sky is blue.

⇒ Simple Present Tense can be used in present truths

Ex: Teaching, writing.

⇒ Simple present Tense can be used in sports & games.

Ex: Dhoni hits a sixer

⇒ Simple present Tense can be used in exclamatory sentences.

Ex: Alas! he is dead.

⇒ Simple present Tense can be used to describe objects, places and people

Ex: a) Cooker is made of aluminium (object)

b) Chittoor is a economical city (place)



c) Sachin is a famous cricketer (people).

⇒ Simple present Tense can be used to describe (or) to demonstrate.

Ex: Sachin hits the ball towards the boundary line.

⇒ Simple present Tense can be used in to make the news sensational.

Ex: Dog bites a man.

Man bites a dog. (Sensational news)

### (i) Simple present continuous Tense:

⇒ The syntax is

$S + am/is/are + V_1 + ing. + O$

Ex: a) I am doing sums now.

b) The teacher is scolding the students.

c) We are watching TV programs.

⇒ Simple present continuous Tense refers to an action which is in progress (or) continuing at the movement of speaking.

Ex: The two Indian opening batsman are going to start the match.

⇒ The simple present continuous Tense is used to show the activity which is temporary.

Ex: At present, I am teaching English in SITEMS.

⇒ The simple present continuous Tense is used to show an action in future.

Ex: I am going to start a new business in next year.