

# OVERVIEW TENSES

## Verb Tense Overview with Examples

Simple Present	Simple Past	Simple Future
I <u>study</u> English everyday.	Two years ago, I <u>studied</u> English in England.	If you are having problems, I <u>will help</u> you study English.  I <u>am going</u> to study English next year.
Present Continuous	Past Continuous	Future Continuous
I <u>am studying</u> English now.	I <u>was studying</u> English when you called yesterday.	I <u>will be studying</u> English when you arrive tonight.  I <u>am going to be studying</u> English when you arrive tonight.
Present Perfect	Past Perfect	Future Perfect
I <u>have studied</u> English in several different countries.	I <u>had studied</u> a little English before I moved to the U.S.	I <u>will have studied</u> every tense by the time I finish this course.  I <u>am going to have studied</u> every tense by the time I finish this course.
Present Perfect Continuous	Past Perfect Continuous	Future Perfect Continuous
I <u>have been studying</u> English for five years.	I <u>had been studying</u> English for five years before I moved to the U.S.	I <u>will have been studying</u> English for over two hours by the time you arrive.  I <u>am going to have been studying</u> English for over two hours by the time you arrive.