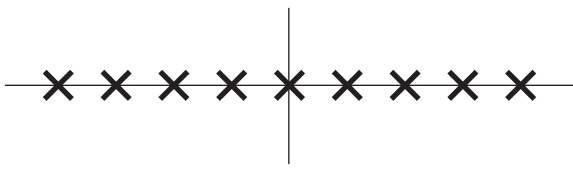
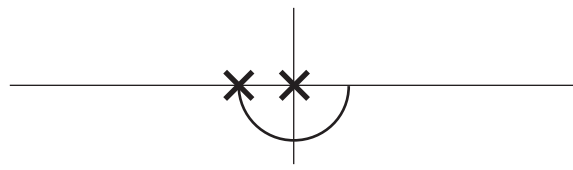


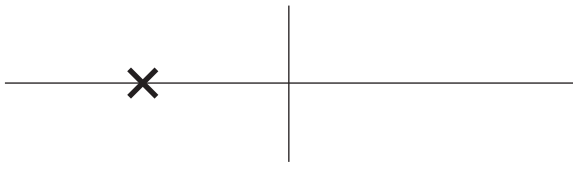
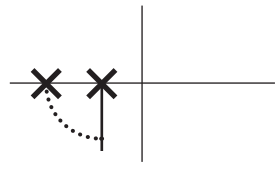
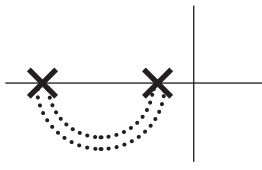
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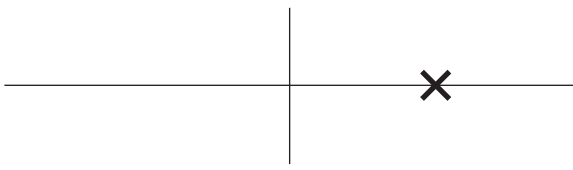
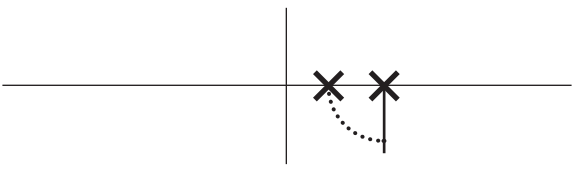
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Quick and Handy Grammar Review: The 6 Simple Tenses & Their Time Markers

Tense	Simple Present	Present Progressive
Diagram		
Form	Base Verb (+ -s for third person singular)	Be + -ing Verb
Function	A repeated action	A continuing present action
Time Markers	- adverbs of frequency (always, usually, sometimes, never, etc.) - every - once, twice, three times, etc.	- now - right now - at the moment - at this time - nowadays - these days - currently - presently
Example	<i>I always eat breakfast.</i>	<i>I'm doing my homework now.</i>

Tense	Simple Past	Past Progressive
Diagram		 
Form	REGULAR VERBS: Verb + -ed IRREGULAR VERBS: Various changes	Was / Were + -ing Verb
Function	A defined past action (we know when the action occurred)	A long past action interrupted by a short past action Two long past actions occurring at the same time
Time Markers	- yesterday - the day before - yesterday - last - ago - when	- when - when - while
Example	<i>I went to the gym last week.</i>	<i>I was studying when the phone rang.</i> <i>I was daydreaming while you were talking.</i>

Quick and Handy Grammar Review: The 6 Simple Tenses & Their Time Markers cont.

Tense	Simple Future	Future Progressive
Diagram		
Form	1. Will + Base Verb 2. Be Going To + Base Verb 3. Be + -ing Verb	Will + Be + -ing Verb
Function	A future action	A long future action interrupted by a short future action
Time Markers	• tomorrow • the day after tomorrow • next • from now • when	• when
Example	• <i>I will call you tomorrow night.</i> • <i>I am going to call you tomorrow night.</i> • <i>I'm calling you tomorrow night.</i>	<i>I will be sleeping when the girls get home.</i>

Note #1: Indicating Time

There are other ways to indicate time in an English sentence besides using time markers.

CONTEXT

One way is to notice the **context**. For example, if someone is talking about last weekend, then all of the verbs will probably be in the simple past tense even though "last weekend" may only be mentioned in one sentence.

- *I **went** to a great party last weekend.*
*We **ate** lots of delicious food and **danced** until dawn.*

OTHER VERBS

Another way is to notice the **other verbs** in the sentence. For example, if a verb is in the simple past tense, then the other verb is almost always in the past as well, even if no time markers are used.

- *They **asked** for directions, but they still **got** lost.*

Quick and Handy Grammar Review: The 6 Simple Tenses & Their Time Markers cont.

Note #2: Future Verbs

For the simple future and the future progressive tenses, remember the rule “No two wills.” We can never use *will*, *be going to*, *be + -ing verb*, or *will + be + -ing verb* twice in a sentence. The rule is to use the future tense in the independent clause, and the simple present in the dependent clause. Remember that even though the simple present is used, the whole sentence still has a future meaning!

- *I **will graduate** when I **finish** my exams.*
- *When I **finish** my exams, I **will graduate**.*

Note #3: Non-Action Verbs

Note that the present progressive tense is almost never used with non-action verbs. In English, the simple present is used with non-action verbs even when a present progressive time marker appears in the sentence. Non-action verbs include *be*, *have*, *feelings*, *thinking verbs*, and *the five senses*.

- *She **is** hungry now.*
(NOT *She is being hungry now.*)
- *He **likes** horror movies nowadays.*
(NOT *He is liking horror movies nowadays.*)

Exercise 1

THE SIMPLE PRESENT, PAST, AND FUTURE

Choose a word from the box, and use it to form the simple present, simple past, or simple future tense.

1. My dog jumped into the bathtub with me yesterday.
2. The choir _____ at the concert tomorrow night.
3. She always _____ on the track behind the school.
4. They _____ for their honeymoon tomorrow night.
5. He _____ beside me every day in class.
6. Last night I _____ to my boyfriend for hours.

Word List

- jump
- leave
 - sing
 - run
 - talk
 - sit

Exercise 2

THE SIMPLE PRESENT, PAST, AND FUTURE

Choose a word from the box, and use it to form the simple present, simple past, or simple future tense. Use negative forms.

1. They probably won't go to the meeting tonight.
2. John usually _____ for his math tests.
3. The car swerved and _____ the tree.
4. The restaurant owner gets mad when his employees _____ their hands.
5. We _____ the game, but we had a great time.
6. She _____ her homework tomorrow.

Word List

- wash
- hit
- finish
- go
- study
- win

Exercise 3

THE SIMPLE PRESENT, PAST, AND FUTURE

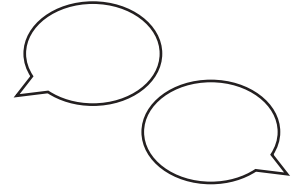
Use the words in brackets to form the simple present, simple past, or simple future tense.

1. I bought a new dress last week.
(buy)
2. My sister _____ breakfast every day.
(eat)
3. Mr. Jones _____ never satisfied with his students' work.
(be)
4. The pilot _____ at the airport until after 9:00.
(arrive, not)
5. I _____ to your party if you really want me to.
(come)
6. She _____ happy when she heard the bad news.
(be, not)
7. _____ you _____ me the day after tomorrow?
(call)
8. He _____ to school very often.
(go, not)
9. _____ your brother _____ you two weeks ago?
(visit)
10. _____ she usually _____ a dress to school?
(wear)

Exercise 4

THE SIMPLE PAST AND THE SIMPLE FUTURE

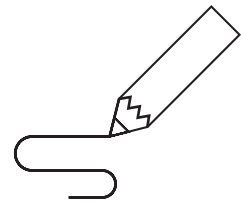
What did you do last weekend? What are you going to do next weekend? Get into pairs or small groups, and discuss your weekend plans. Use past and future verbs.



Exercise 5

THE SIMPLE PAST AND THE SIMPLE FUTURE

Write two paragraphs about traveling. Write the first paragraph about a holiday you enjoyed (use past verbs). Write the second paragraph about a trip you want to take (use future verbs).



Exercise 6

THE SIMPLE PRESENT AND THE PRESENT PROGRESSIVE

Complete the story. Use the verbs provided to form sentences with the simple present or the present progressive tense.

Every Sunday my family _____ to the zoo. My little
1. go

sister _____ the lions. We _____
2. love 3. be

at the zoo right now, and it _____ a beautiful day.
4. be

We _____ the big cat show. The zookeeper
5. watch

_____ the lions. The lions always _____
6. feed 7. get

excited at mealtime! They usually _____ over the meat,
8. fight

and my sister _____ scared sometimes. But today she
9. get

_____ afraid. Today she _____ and
10. feel, not 11. smile

_____ her hands. I _____ that she
12. clap 13. think

_____ to bring a lion home as a pet. Now she
14. want

_____ out to the lions, "Here, kitty, kitty!"
15. call

Exercise 7

THE SIMPLE PAST AND THE PAST PROGRESSIVE

A. Matching

Work with a partner to make complete sentences. Take turns reading the completed sentences out loud. Do they all make sense?

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|--|-----------------------------------|
| <u> d </u> 1. when my alarm clock rang | a) I was daydreaming |
| <u> </u> 2. when my car hit the tree | b) I was waiting for her |
| <u> </u> 3. when the phone rang | c) I was taking a shower |
| <u> </u> 4. when the teacher yelled at me | d) I was sleeping |
| <u> </u> 5. when my grandmother arrived at the airport | e) I was driving |
| <u> </u> 6. when it was time to leave the office | f) I was still writing the report |

B. Writing

Now write the complete sentences. Don't forget to add a comma when you begin your sentence with "when."

1. When my alarm clock rang, I was sleeping. / I was sleeping when my alarm clock rang.
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Exercise 8

THE SIMPLE FUTURE AND THE FUTURE PROGRESSIVE

Work with a small group. Imagine that you are hosting a big party for your friend's birthday. Now imagine what you and your guests will be doing at various times during the party. Share ideas and complete the sentences on the right together.

- Ex. When the food is served, our guests will be starving.
1. When our friend arrives, _____
 2. When it's time for presents, _____
 3. When the dancing starts, _____
 4. When the music stops, _____
 5. When the cake is served, _____

Exercise 9

ALL TENSES

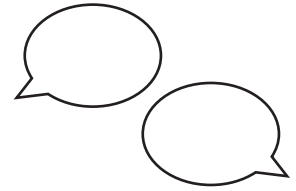
Rewrite the sentences by changing the verb tense.
Change the time marker if necessary.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <p>1. He doesn't feel good right now.
(past)</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>6. She is studying French nowadays.
(future)</p> <p>_____</p> |
| <p>2. The cat caught a bird.
(future)</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>7. They went to the park a week ago.
(present progressive)</p> <p>_____</p> |
| <p>3. My neighbor was waiting for the package to arrive.
(present progressive)</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>8. I went swimming every day when I was a child.
(present)</p> <p>_____</p> |
| <p>4. I watched TV for two hours last night.
(past progressive)</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>9. Mary was playing the guitar when the phone rang.
(future progressive)</p> <p>_____</p> |
| <p>5. The students are going to take a test next week.
(past)</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>10. Our teacher told us to be quiet.
(present progressive)</p> <p>_____</p> |

Exercise 10

ALL TENSES

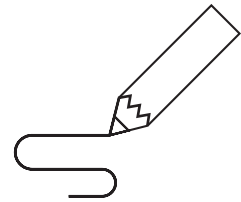
Get into pairs or small groups and discuss your goals and dreams. When you were a child, what dreams did you have for the future (job, family, etc.)? What ambitions do you have for the future? What steps are you taking now to accomplish your goals? Try to use all six verb tenses as often as you can.



Exercise 11

ALL TENSES

Write a short story about something that affected you in the past. It can be real or made-up. Describe the past event, and explain how it affects you nowadays. Write about how you think it will affect you in the future, and what steps you will take to overcome or learn from it. Try to use all six verb tenses at least once.



Exercise 12

ALL TENSES

Complete the story. Use the verbs provided to form sentences with the appropriate verb tense.

I _____ to travel. When I was young, I _____ to Paris.
1. love 2. go

I _____ the day that I _____ the Eiffel Tower. People
3. remember 4. visit

_____ to go to the top when someone suddenly _____
5. line up 6. fire

a gun. Everyone _____ really scared, and we left. But that _____
7. be 8. stop, not

me from wanting to go back to Paris. In fact, I _____ another trip
9. plan

now. I _____ back to Paris next summer. I _____ so
10. go 11. be

excited! Last time I only _____ for one week, so this time I
12. go

_____ for three weeks. In my mind, I _____ on the
13. go 14. shop

Avenue des Champs-Élysées already. I _____ time to visit the Louvre
15. have

on my last trip, so this time I _____ there for sure. Even though I
16. go

_____ excited, sometimes I dream that people _____
17. feel 18. line up

for the Eiffel Tower when a gunshot _____ . But then
19. go off

I _____ , and I _____ that it probably
20. wake up 21. realize

_____ again. At the moment, I _____ the days!
22. happen, not 23. count down