

The basic English forms tenses

Tenses	Positive	Negative	Question
<i>present simple</i>	subject + verb (+ s) I eat. She eats toast.	subject + do / does + not + verb I do not eat toast. She does not eat fish.	(Question word +) do / does + subject + verb? Do you eat breakfast every day? When does she eat lunch?
<i>present simple with 'be'</i>	subject + am / is / are I am hungry. She is in a cafe.	subject + am / is / are + not I'm not hungry. She isn't happy.	(Question word +) am / is / are + subject...? Is he at home? Why are you hungry?
<i>Present continuous</i>	Subject + am / is / are + verb-ing She's eating toast. They are eating lunch now.	Subject + am / is / are + not + verb+ing He isn't eating. We are not eating at home.	(Question word +) am / is / are + subject + verb-ing? When are they eating? Is he eating now?
<i>Present perfect</i>	subject + have / has + past participle I've eaten breakfast. He has eaten lunch.	Subject + have / has + not + past participle We haven't eaten yet. She hasn't eaten the chocolate.	(Question word +) have / has + subject + past participle? What have you eaten today? Has she eaten lunch?
<i>Present perfect continuous</i>	subject + have / has + been + verb+ing I've been eating. She's been eating biscuits all day.	Subject + have / has + not + been + verb-ing They haven't been eating. He has not been eating toast.	(Question word +) have / has + subject + been + verb-ing? What has she been eating? Have they been eating breakfast?
<i>past simple</i>	subject + past simple (verb +ed) I ate an apple. She ate some rice.	subject + did + not + verb She didn't eat anything. They did not eat breakfast.	(Question word +) did + subject + verb? Did you eat the chocolate? What did they eat for lunch?
<i>past simple with 'be'</i>	subject + was / were I was hungry. They were in a restaurant.	subject + was / were + not We weren't hungry. She wasn't at home.	(Question word +) was / were + subject...? Why was she hungry? Were you hungry?
<i>past continuous</i>	subject + was / were + verb-ing I was eating. They were eating lunch.	subject + was / were + not + verb+ing You weren't eating. She wasn't eating a sandwich.	(Question word +) was / were + subject + verb-ing? Where were you eating? Was she eating an apple?
<i>past perfect continuous</i>	subject + had + been + verb-ing I had been eating chocolate all day.	subject + had + not + been + verb+ing I hadn't been eating. She hadn't been eating an apple.	(Question word +) had + subject + been + verb-ing? Why had he been eating? Had they been eating enough fruit?
<i>future simple</i>	subject + will + verb I will eat later. She will eat at home.	subject + will + not + verb We won't eat anything tonight. He will not eat fish.?	(Question word +) will + subject + verb? What will you eat for lunch? Will she eat meat?
<i>future continuous</i>	subject + will + be + verb-ing I will be eating at 8pm. She will be eating a sandwich.	subject + will + not + be + verb-ing They won't be eating. He will not be eating anything.?	(Question word +) will + subject + be + verb-ing? What will you be eating? Will they be eating at 6pm?

<i>future perfect</i>	Subject + will + have + past participle I will have eaten lunch by 3 o'clock. She'll have eaten all the chocolate.	Subject + will + not + have + past participle He won't have eaten lunch yet. They will not have eaten their sandwiches.	(Question word +) will + subject + have + past participle? When will you have eaten? Will she have eaten dinner by nine?
<i>future perfect continuous</i>	subject + will + have + been + verb-ing They will have been eating fruit. We'll have been eating all day.	subject + will + not + have + been + verb-ing I won't have been eating fish. They will not have been eating lunch.	(Question word +) will + subject + have + been + verb-ing? What will she have been eating? Will you have been eating chocolate