

ENGLISH TENSES



TABLE

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Past

An action that has ended.

'I played tennis.'

An action that was happening when another action happened.

'I was playing tennis but it started to rain.'

An action that happened before another one.

'I had played tennis before it rained.'

An action that had been happening before another action.

'I had been playing tennis before it rained.'



Present

A repeated action.

'I play tennis every Monday.'

An action that is happening now.

'I am playing tennis now.'

An action that has happened at an unspecified time.

'I have played tennis.'

An action that has started in the past and is continuing.

'I have been playing tennis for 2 hours.'



Future

A plan for a future action.

'I will play tennis on Monday.'

A future action that will happen for a length of time.

'I will be playing tennis on Monday.'

An action that will finish before another future action.

'I will have played tennis before it rains.'

An action that happens over time before another future action.

'I will have been playing tennis before it rains.'