

Verb Tense Overview with Examples

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