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TOPIC: TENSES

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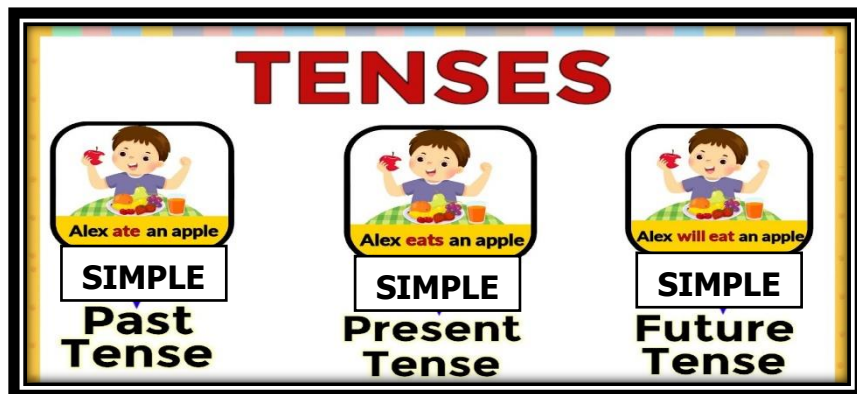
Verbs indicate the words that show action and Tenses indicate the time at which the particular action took place.

For e.g.: - I walk to school.

I walked to school.

I will walk to school.

In the above examples, words such as 'walk', 'walked' and 'will walk' are Verbs which are in **Simple Tenses**.



PROGRESSIVE/CONTINUOUS TENSES:

Progressive Tenses express actions that are unfinished or in progress. Progressive Tenses are the same as continuous tenses as they show an action that is continuing to happen. There are three Progressive Tenses: Past Progressive Tense, Present Progressive Tense and Future Progressive Tense.

PRESENT PROGRESSIVE TENSE/PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE:

Present Progressive Tense indicates actions that are happening right now, frequently and ongoing.

Conjugation of the verbs to form Present Progressive Tense:

am/is/are + verb + ing

Example 1: They are running around the campus tomorrow.

Example 2: I am working at the office this week.

PAST PROGRESSIVE TENSE / PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE –

Past Progressive Tense indicates ongoing/ continuous actions that were happening in the past at a specific time before another action began.

Conjugation of the verbs to form Past Progressive Tense:

was/were + verb + ing

Example 1: I was playing chess when the phone rang.

Example 2: We were planning this event for many weeks.

FUTURE PROGRESSIVE TENSE / FUTURE CONTINUOUS TENSE –

Future Progressive Tense indicates continuing actions, something that will be happening, going on, at some point in the future.

Conjugation of the verbs to form Future Progressive Tense:

will be + verb + ing

Example 1: Jordan will be writing his newsletter over the summer.

Example 2: The professor will be monitoring the class during the exam.