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The word **TENSE** is derived from a Latin word 'tempus' which means 'Time'. A verb indicates time of an action, event, or condition by changing its form.

Classification based on time frame

a) Present Tense

Present tense expresses an unchanging, repeated, or reoccurring action or situation that exists only now. It can also represent a widespread truth.

b) Past Tense

Past tense expresses an action or situation that was started and finished in the past.

c) Future Tense

Future tense expresses an action or situation that will occur in the future.

Based on Aspect

Tenses may also be categorized according to aspect. Aspect refers to the nature of the action described by the verb. There are four aspects:

- Indefinite or simple
- Continuous or progressive
- Perfect or complete
- Perfect Continuous

When to use

a) Indefinite Tense:

The three indefinite tenses or simple tenses, describe an action but do not state whether the

action is finished.

b) Continuous Tense:

The three continuous tenses describe an unfinished action.

c) Perfect Tense:

The three perfect tenses describe a finished action

d) Perfect Continuous Tense:

Used to combine a Perfect tense and continuous tense or to describe an action which was in progress and then finished.

	Simple Forms	Progressive Forms	Perfect Forms	Perfect Progressive Forms
PRESENT	1 st form+ s/es	am / is / are + 1 st form + ing	have / has + 3 rd form	have / has been +1 st form+ ing
PAST	2 nd form	was / were +1 st form+ ing	had+3 rd form	had been+1 st form + ing
FUTURE	will / shall+ 1 st form	will be + 1 st form+ ing	will have + 3 rd form	will have been +1 st form + ing

EXERCISES

I Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs.

1. I ---- (never come) across such a big snake in my life. What about you?
2. By Saturday next week, I ---- (work) on this painting for exactly one month.
3. My wife and I ---- (have) a few problems recently and I have to admit that our relationship ---- (get) a bit boring since our daughter ---- (leave) for university.
4. Even though I ---- (like) singing, I can say that I ---- (have) a terrible voice.
5. By the year 2020, the population of London ---- (grow) substantially.
6. My grandparents ---- (come) to see us next weekend. They ---- (not visit) us for two years.
7. We ---- (look for) her ring for two hours when we found it in the bathroom.
8. They were very tired in the evening because they ---- (help) on the farm all day.
9. I ---- (lead) a very busy life these days. I ---- (prepare) for my final exams and at the same time I ---- (try) to move to my new apartment. You can't imagine how tired I am.
10. Do you know what time the 10:45 plane ---- (arrive) in Chicago?

II Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verbs.

1. Hardly had the minister finished his speech when the earthquake.....(shake) the stadium.
2. Everybody will be at the office at about 08:30 tomorrow as the meeting.....(start) at nine o'clock.
3. That candidate who we had been interviewed before we.....(speak) to all the others is still my favorite.
4. While climbing onto the mountain top, I(encounter) a strange animal which I'd never seen before.
5. The chairman was sure that his plan would work out fine as no other member(oppose) it up to that time.
6. I wasn't surprised to hear that Monica.....(have) an accident as she is a very reckless driver.
7. Since the very first day when the Umbrella Company embarked upon such a dangerous and risky lab-research, very strange incidents.....(take place) within

the research complex.

8. Urbanization.....(always / be) a problem which causes several environmental challenges ever since the rate of migration.....(increase) after the industrial revolution.
9. When I.....(come) home this evening, my parents had gone out for a walk.
10. By the time the troops.....(arrive), the war will have ended.