

## Sophisticated Sentences: The Twelve Verb Tenses of English

<p><b>Simple Past</b> For a finished action.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>He ate. I sang. We cooked.</i></p>	<p><b>Simple Present</b> For action happening at the moment of writing; also for habitual actions or things that are always true.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>He eats. I sing. We cook.</i></p>	<p><b>Simple Future</b> For action that will happen once in the future.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>He will eat. I will sing. We will cook.</i></p>
<p><b>Past Progressive</b> For ongoing or repeated actions in the past.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>He was eating. I was singing. We were cooking.</i></p>	<p><b>Present Progressive</b> For action that is ongoing at the moment of writing; also for scheduled events in the future.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>He is eating. I am singing. We are cooking.</i></p>	<p><b>Future Progressive</b> For ongoing actions to occur in the future.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>He will be eating. I will be singing. We will be cooking.</i></p>
<p><b>Past Perfect</b> For actions completed in the past.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>He had eaten. I had sung. We had cooked.</i></p>	<p><b>Present Perfect</b> For action begun in the past that has been completed or is ongoing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>He has eaten. I have sung. We have cooked.</i></p>	<p><b>Future Perfect</b> For action that will be completed before another action in the future.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>He will have eaten. I will have sung. We will have cooked.</i></p>
<p><b>Past Perfect Progressive</b> For an ongoing or repeated action occurring in the past and continuing to another action in the past.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>He had been eating. I had been singing. We had been cooking.</i></p>	<p><b>Present Perfect Progressive</b> For action begun in the past and continuing in to the present.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>He has been eating. I have been singing. We have been cooking.</i></p>	<p><b>Future Perfect Progressive</b> For a continuing action that will be completed by a specified time in the future.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>He will have been eating. I will have been singing. We will have been cooking.</i></p>