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**backshift of tenses** bedeutet das Rückverschieben in eine andere Zeitstufe in der Vergangenheit, wenn der kleine **Einleitungssatz** (z.B. Molly **said** ... ) im **simple past** steht !!!

Simple Present	→	Simple Past
Simple Past	→	Past Perfect (Simple)
Present Perfect (Simple)	→	Past Perfect (Simple)
Will – Future (will meet)	→	Conditional I ( would meet)
Can	→	could

Auf den folgenden 5 Seiten sind alle Zeite, die es im Englischen gibt, tabellarisch aufgeführt.

Dieser Tabelle könnt ihr die Bildung der Zeiten entnehmen.

**Achtung:** In der *Tabelle* wird das - **Present Perfect** **Simple Present Perfect** genannt  
**Past Perfect** **Simple Past Perfect** genannt  
**Conditional I** **Conditional Simple** genannt

Tense	Signal words	Use	Form	Examples affirmative	Examples negative	Examples interrogative
<b>Simple Present</b>	<p>every day</p> <p>sometimes</p> <p>always</p> <p>often</p> <p>usually</p> <p>seldom</p> <p>never</p> <p>first ... then</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>something happens repeatedly</li> <li>how often something happens</li> <li>one action follows another</li> <li>things in general</li> <li>with verbs like (<i>to love, to hate, to think, etc.</i>)</li> <li>future meaning: timetables, programmes</li> </ul>	<p>infinitive</p> <p>he/she/it: infinitive + s</p>	<p>I <b>work</b>.</p> <p>He <b>works</b>.</p> <p>I <b>go</b>.</p> <p>He <b>goes</b>.</p>	<p>I <b>don't work</b>.</p> <p>He <b>doesn't work</b>.</p> <p>I <b>don't go</b>.</p> <p>He <b>doesn't go</b>.</p>	<p><b>Do</b> I <b>work</b>?</p> <p><b>Does</b> he <b>work</b>?</p> <p><b>Do</b> I <b>go</b>?</p> <p><b>Does</b> he <b>go</b>?</p>
<b>Present Progressive</b>	<p>now</p> <p>at the moment</p> <p>Look!</p> <p>Listen!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>something is happening at the same time of speaking or around it</li> <li>future meaning: when you have already <b>decided and arranged</b> to do it (a fixed plan, date)</li> </ul>	<p>be (am/are/is) + infinitive + ing</p>	<p>I'm <b>working</b>.</p> <p>He's <b>working</b>.</p> <p>I'm <b>going</b>.</p> <p>He's <b>going</b>.</p>	<p>I'm <b>not working</b>.</p> <p>He <b>isn't working</b>.</p> <p>I'm <b>not going</b>.</p> <p>He <b>isn't going</b>.</p>	<p><b>Am</b> I <b>working</b>?</p> <p><b>Is</b> he <b>working</b>?</p> <p><b>Am</b> I <b>going</b>?</p> <p><b>Is</b> he <b>going</b>?</p>
<b>Simple Past</b>	<p>last ...</p> <p>... ago</p> <p>in 1990</p> <p>yesterday</p>	<p>action took place in the past, mostly connected with an expression of time (no connection to the present)</p>	<p>regular: infinitive + ed</p> <p>irregular: (2nd column of table of irregular verbs)</p>	<p>I <b>worked</b>.</p> <p>He <b>worked</b>.</p> <p>I <b>went</b>.</p> <p>He <b>went</b>.</p>	<p>I <b>didn't work</b>.</p> <p>He <b>didn't work</b>.</p> <p>I <b>didn't go</b>.</p> <p>He <b>didn't go</b>.</p>	<p><b>Did</b> I <b>work</b>?</p> <p><b>Did</b> he <b>work</b>?</p> <p><b>Did</b> I <b>go</b>?</p> <p><b>Did</b> he <b>go</b>?</p>

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<b>Past Progressive</b>	while	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>an action happened in the middle of another action</li> <li>someone was doing sth. at a certain time (in the past) - you don't know whether it was finished or not</li> </ul>	was/were + infinitive + ing	I <b>was working</b> . He <b>was working</b> . I <b>was going</b> . He <b>was going</b> .	I <b>wasn't working</b> . He <b>wasn't working</b> . I <b>wasn't going</b> . He <b>wasn't going</b> .	<b>Was I working?</b> <b>Was he working?</b> <b>Was I going?</b> <b>Was he going?</b>
<b>Simple Present Perfect</b>	just yet never ever already so far, up to now, since for recently	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>you say that sth. has happened or is finished in the past and it has a connection to the present</li> <li>action started in the past and continues up to the present</li> </ul>	have/has + past participle* *(infinitive + ed) or (3rd column of table of irregular verbs)	I <b>have worked</b> . He <b>has worked</b> . I <b>have gone</b> . He <b>has gone</b> .	I <b>haven't worked</b> . He <b>hasn't worked</b> . I <b>haven't gone</b> . He <b>hasn't gone</b> .	<b>Have I worked?</b> <b>Has he worked?</b> <b>Have I gone?</b> <b>Has he gone?</b>
<b>Present Perfect Progressive</b>	all day the whole day how long since for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>action began in the past and has just stopped</li> <li>how long the action has been happening</li> </ul> <p><b>emphasis: length of time of an action</b></p>	have/has + been + infinitive + ing	I <b>have been working</b> . He <b>has been working</b> . I <b>have been going</b> . He <b>has been going</b> .	I <b>haven't been working</b> . He <b>hasn't been working</b> . I <b>haven't been going</b> . He <b>hasn't been going</b> .	<b>Have I been working?</b> <b>Has he been working?</b> <b>Have I been going?</b> <b>Has he been going?</b>

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<b>Simple Past Perfect</b>	already just never	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>mostly when two actions in a story are related to each other: the action which had already happened is put into <i>Past Perfect</i>, the other action into <i>Simple Past</i></li> <li>the past of the <i>Present Perfect</i></li> </ul>	<b>had + past participle*</b>  *( <b>infinitive + ed</b> ) or ( <b>3rd column of table of irregular verbs</b> )	I <b>had worked</b> . He <b>had worked</b> . I <b>had gone</b> . He <b>had gone</b> .	I <b>hadn't worked</b> . He <b>hadn't worked</b> . I <b>hadn't gone</b> . He <b>hadn't gone</b> .	<b>Had I worked?</b> <b>Had he worked?</b> <b>Had I gone?</b> <b>Had he gone?</b>
<b>Past Perfect Progressive</b>	how long since for	how long something had been happening before something else happened	<b>had + been + infinitive + ing</b>	I <b>had been working</b> . He <b>had been working</b> . I <b>had been going</b> . He <b>had been going</b> .	I <b>hadn't been working</b> . He <b>hadn't been working</b> . I <b>hadn't been going</b> . He <b>hadn't been going</b> .	<b>Had I been working?</b> <b>Had he been working?</b> <b>Had I been going?</b> <b>Had he been going?</b>
<b>will - future</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>predictions about the future (you think that sth will happen)</li> <li>you decide to do sth. spontaneously at the time of speaking</li> <li>main clause in type I of the Conditional sentences</li> </ul>	<b>will + infinitive</b>	I'll <b>work</b> . He'll <b>work</b> . I'll <b>go</b> . He'll <b>go</b> .	I <b>won't work</b> . He <b>won't work</b> . I <b>won't go</b> . He <b>won't go</b> .	<b>Will I work?</b> <b>Will he work?</b> <b>Will I go?</b> <b>Will he go?</b>
<b>going to - future</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>when you have already decided to do sth. in the future</li> <li>what you think what will happen</li> </ul>	<b>be (am/are/is) + going to + infinitive</b>	I'm <b>going to work</b> . He's <b>going to work</b> . I'm <b>going to go</b> . He's <b>going to go</b> .	I'm <b>not going to work</b> . He's <b>not going to work</b> . I'm <b>not going to go</b> . He's <b>not going to go</b> .	<b>Am I going to work?</b> <b>Is he going to work?</b> <b>Am I going to go?</b> <b>Is he going to go?</b>

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<b>Future Progressive</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An action will be in progress at a certain time in the future. This action has begun before the certain time.</li> <li>Something happens because it normally happens.</li> </ul>	<b>will + be + infinitive + ing</b>	I'll <b>be working</b> . He'll <b>be working</b> . I'll <b>be going</b> . He'll <b>be going</b> .	I <b>won't be working</b> . He <b>won't be working</b> . I <b>won't be going</b> . He <b>won't be going</b> .	Will I <b>be working</b> ? Will he <b>be working</b> ? Will I <b>be going</b> ? Will he <b>be going</b> ?
<b>Future Perfect Simple</b>		sth. will already have happened before a certain time in the future	<b>will + have + past participle*</b> *( <b>infinitive + ed</b> ) or (3rd column of table of irregular verbs)	I'll <b>have worked</b> . He'll <b>have worked</b> . I'll <b>have gone</b> . He'll <b>have gone</b> .	I <b>won't have worked</b> . He <b>won't have worked</b> . I <b>won't have gone</b> . He <b>won't have gone</b> .	Will I <b>have worked</b> ? Will he <b>have worked</b> ? Will I <b>have gone</b> ? Will he <b>have gone</b> ?
<b>Future Perfect Progressive</b>		sth. will already have happened before a certain time in the future <b>emphasis: length of time of an action</b>	<b>will + have + been + infinitive + ing</b>	I'll <b>have been working</b> . He'll <b>have been working</b> . I'll <b>have been going</b> . He'll <b>have been going</b> .	I <b>won't have been working</b> . He <b>won't have been working</b> . I <b>won't have been going</b> . He <b>won't have been going</b> .	Will I <b>have been working</b> ? Will he <b>have been working</b> ? Will I <b>have been going</b> ? Will he <b>have been going</b> ?
<b>Conditional Simple</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sth. that might happen</li> <li>main clause in type II of the Conditional sentences</li> </ul>	<b>would + infinitive</b>	I <b>would work</b> . He <b>would work</b> . I <b>would go</b> . He <b>would go</b> .	I <b>wouldn't work</b> . He <b>wouldn't work</b> . I <b>wouldn't go</b> . He <b>wouldn't go</b> .	Would I <b>work</b> ? Would he <b>work</b> ? Would I <b>work</b> ? Would he <b>work</b> ?

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<b>Conditional Progressive</b>		sth. that might happen  <b>emphasis: length of time of an action</b>	<b>would + be + infinitive + ing</b>	I <b>would be working</b> . He <b>would be working</b> . I <b>would be going</b> . He <b>would be going</b> .	I <b>wouldn't be working</b> . He <b>wouldn't be working</b> . I <b>wouldn't be going</b> . He <b>wouldn't be going</b> .	<b>Would I be working?</b> <b>Would he be working?</b> <b>Would I be going?</b> <b>Would he be going?</b>
<b>Conditional Perfect</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sth. that might have happened in the past</li> <li>main clause in type III of the Conditional sentences</li> </ul>	<b>would + have + past participle*</b>  *( <b>infinitive + ed</b> ) or (3rd column of table of irregular verbs)	I <b>would have worked</b> . He <b>would have worked</b> . I <b>would have gone</b> . He <b>would have gone</b> .	I <b>wouldn't have worked</b> . He <b>wouldn't have worked</b> . I <b>wouldn't have gone</b> . He <b>wouldn't have gone</b> .	<b>Would I have worked?</b> <b>Would he have worked?</b> <b>Would I have gone?</b> <b>Would he have gone?</b>
<b>Conditional Perfect Progressive</b>		sth. that might have happened in the past  <b>emphasis: length of time of an action</b>	<b>would + have + been + infinitive + ing</b>	I <b>would have been working</b> . He <b>would have been working</b> . I <b>would have been going</b> . He <b>would have been going</b> .	I <b>wouldn't have been working</b> . He <b>wouldn't have been working</b> . I <b>wouldn't have been going</b> . He <b>wouldn't have been going</b> .	<b>Would I have been working?</b> <b>Would he have been working?</b> <b>Would I have been going?</b> <b>Would he have been going?</b>

We sometimes use **Continuous** instead of **Progressive**. Some signal words can be found in more tenses. We did not list signal words in the future. Always remember what action is described.

Used colours:

blue → infinitive

dark green → auxiliary

orange → ending

grey → irregular verbs in the Simple Past

purple → past participle

light green → signal word

red → negation