

Tense recognition exercise

Do you know all the different tenses in English? Can you recognize them by just looking at their form? Here is a grammar exercise to test your understanding of tenses. You just need to read the sentences given below. They are in different tenses. See if you can identify them.

1. Who will have come to my rescue?

Simple future

Future continuous

Future perfect tense

2. The boy is learning his lessons.

Simple present

Present continuous tense

Present perfect

3. Girls outnumber boys in this class.

Simple present

Present continuous

Present perfect

4. What do you mean?

Simple present

Present continuous

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Perfect perfect

5. I don't know where she lives.

Simple present

Present continuous

Present perfect

6. Burglars broke into his shop yesterday.

Simple past

Past continuous

Past perfect

7. I can no longer tolerate this injustice.

Simple present

Present continuous

Present perfect

8. She has been waiting for his call since morning.

Simple present

Present continuous

Present perfect continuous

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9. This time tomorrow I will be playing with my kids.

Simple future
Future continuous
Future perfect

10. Somebody has let the cat in.

Simple present
Present continuous
Present perfect

11. Will you please come with me?

Simple future
Future continuous
Future perfect

12. She finished the work in time.

Simple past
Future continuous
Future perfect

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13. Have you learned your lessons?

Simple present

Present continuous

Future perfect

14. She had been bedridden for years before her death.

Simple past

Past continuous

Past perfect

Answers

1. Future perfect tense (Form: will / shall have + past participle)
2. Present continuous (Form: is /am / are + ing form)
3. Simple present (Form: base form of the verb)
4. Simple present
5. Simple present
6. Simple past (Form: past tense form of the verb)

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7. Simple present

8. Present perfect continuous (Form: has / have been + ing form)

9. Future continuous (Form: will be + ing form)

10. Present perfect (Form: has / have + past participle)

11. Simple future (interrogative) (Form: will + base form of the verb)

12. Simple past

13. Present perfect

14. Past perfect

15. Simple past

16. Simple past