**TENSES**

**INFOGRAPHICS**

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**ALWAYS TRUE**

Two and two make four. **PERMANENT SITUATIONS** I live in London.

**SHORT ACTIONS NOW**

He takes the ball and scores a goal!

**HABITS**

She plays tennis every Tuesday.

**Use with: twice a month, on Fridays, often, sometimes.**

**FUTURE TIMETABLES** Our train leaves at 11am.

**PRESENT**

**PRESENT SIMPLE**

**FUTURE**

**FUTURE IN TIME CLAUSES**

**Use with: this evening, at 10** I won't go out until it stops raining. **o'clock, tomorrow.**

**Use with: until, when, as soon as,**

**after, before.**

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**UNFINISHED ACTIONS NOW**

I'm working at the moment.

**Use with: now, at the moment.**

**PRESENT**

**PRESENT**

**CONTINUOUS**

**FUTURE**

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**TEMPORARY SITUATIONS** I'm living in London.

**Use with: at the moment, for a few weeks, for a couple of months.**

**TEMPORARY HABITS** He's eating a lot these days.

**Use with: at the moment, these days.**

**ANNOYING HABITS**

You're forever losing your keys!

**Use with: always, forever,**

**constantly.**

**DEFINITE FUTURE PLANS** I'm meeting my father tomorrow.

**Use with: tomorrow, later, at 7pm tonight, on Tuesday.**

**PRESENT**

**PERFECT SIMPLE**

**FINISHED**

**LIFE EXPERIENCE**

I've been to Tokyo.

**Use with: ever, never.**

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**UNFINISHED**

**HOW LONG**

I've known Karen since 1994.

She's lived in London for three years.

**Use with: since 2010, since July,**

**for ten years, for three days.**

**UNFINISHED TIME WORD** I haven't seen her this month.

**Use with: this week, today, this**

**month, this year.**

**PRESENT RESULT**

I've lost my keys (so I can't get into my house).

**NEWS / RECENT EVENTS** The Queen has given a speech.

**Use with: just / yet / already / recently.**

**PRESENT PERFECT**

**CONTINUOUS**

**FINISHED**

**PRESENT RESULT**

I've been working (that's why I'm tired).

**UNFINISHED**

**HOW LONG**

I've been living in London for two years. She's been working here since 2004.

**Use with: since 2010, since July, for ten years, for three days.**

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**TEMPORARY SITUATIONS** I've been going to the gym a lot recently. **Use with: recently.**

**FINISHED TIME WORD** I went to the cinema yesterday. 

**Use with: yesterday, last night, in 2003, 6 months ago.**

**PAST**

**PAST SIMPLE**

**PRESENT /**

**FUTURE**

**FINISHED TIME PERIOD**

Leonardo painted the Mona Lisa.

**DETAILS OF NEWS**

I've hurt my leg. I fell off a ladder.

**Use with: the present perfect.**

**ACTIONS IN STORIES**

He sat down and ordered a coffee.

**Use with: the past continuous.**

**UNREAL / IMAGINARY THINGS**

If I won the lottery, I would buy a house.

**Use with: wish, it's time, second conditional.**

**OVERLAPPING ACTION**

I was walking to the station when I met John.

**Use with: when + past simple, two o'clock, 7pm.**

**SOME PAST HABITS** She was constantly singing.

**Use with: always, forever,**

**constantly, at that time, in those days.**

**STORY BACKGROUND**

The birds were singing and the sun was shining. Amy sat down.

**Use with: the past simple.**

**PAST**

**CONTINUOUS**

**EMPHASIS OF LENGTH OF ACTION** I was working in the garden all day.

**Use with: all day, all evening, for hours.**

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**ACTION FINISHED BEFORE ANOTHER PAST ACTION** When we arrived, the film had started.

**Use with: when + past simple, June, last Tuesday.**

**HOW LONG TO A POINT IN THE PAST**

When he graduated, he had been in London for six years.

**Use with: when + past simple, for + time.**

**PAST**

**PERFECT**

**UNREAL THINGS IN THE PAST**

I wish I hadn't gone to bed so late!

**Use with: third conditionals, wish.**

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**PAST PERFECT**

**CONTINUOUS**

**HOW LONG TO A POINT**

**IN THE PAST**

She had been working at that company

for a year when she met James.

**Use with: when + past simple, for**

**+ time. RESULT AT A TIME IN THE PAST**

The pavement was wet. It had been

raining.

**Use with: the past simple.**

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**FUTURE PREDICTION**

The sun will rise at 7 am.

I think the Conservatives will win the next election.

**WILL**

**FUTURE SIMPLE**

**BE GOING**

**TO**

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**PROMISES / REQUESTS / REFUSALS / OFFERS**

I'll help you with your homework.

**FUTURE CONDITIONALS** If it doesn't rain, we'll go to the park. **Use with: the first conditional.**

homework.

**PLANS AND INTENTIONS**

A: We've run out of milk.

B: I know. I'm going to buy some.

**FUTURE PREDICTION**

The sky is getting darker and darker. It's going to rain.

**FUTURE**

**CONTINUOUS**

**OVERLAPPING ACTION**

I'll be waiting when you arrive.

**Use with: when + present simple, at 8pm.**

**FUTURE AS A MATTER OF COURSE**

The government will be making a statement later.

**Use with: later, tonight, next week on the 2nd of September.**

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**HOW LONG TO A POINT IN THE FUTURE**

When we get married, I'll have known Robert for four years.

**Use with: when + present simple, by the time +**

**present simple, for + time.**

**FUTURE**

**PERFECT SIMPLE**

**ACTION FINISHED BEFORE A POINT IN THE FUTURE** By ten o'clock, I will have finished my homework.

**Use with: by three o'clock, by Friday, when + present simple, by the time + present simple.**

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**HOW LONG TO A POINT IN THE FUTURE**

In April, she will have been teaching for twelve years.

**Use with: when + present simple, by the time + present**

**simple, for + time.**

**FUTURE**

**PERFECT**

**CONTINUOUS**

**ACTION FINISHED BEFORE A POINT IN THE FUTURE** When I see you, I'll have been studying, so I'll be tired.

**Use with: when + present simple, by the time + present simple.**