

The Tenses (Die Zeiten)

	Present	Past	Future
Simple	<p>RULE: SUBJECT + VERB (1)</p> <p>I write you write (work) he (she, it) writes (works) we write</p> <p>FRAGE: Do you write? Does he (she, it) write? VERN.: No, I don't write. No, he (she, it) doesn't write.</p>	<p>RULE: SUBJECT + VERB (+ ed) o. bei unregelm. VERBEN die zweite FORM (3)</p> <p>I you he (she, it) } wrote (worked) we</p> <p>FRAGE: Did you work (write)? VERN.: No, I didn't work. We didn't write.</p>	<p>RULE: SUBJECT + „will“ + VERB (4)</p> <p>I you he (she, it) } will write (work) we</p> <p>FRAGE: Shall I write? Will he write? VERN.: We won't (= will not) write.</p>
Continuous	<p>RULE: SUBJECT + entspr. FORM v. „to be“ + VERB (+ ing) (2)</p> <p>I am you are he (she, it) is } writing (working) we are</p> <p>FRAGE: Are you writing (working)? VERN.: No, we aren't writing. He (she, it) isn't writing.</p>	<p>RULE: SUBJECT + „was/were“ + VERB (+ ing) (7)</p> <p>I was you were we were } writing (working)</p> <p>FRAGE: Were you writing (working)? VERN.: No, I wasn't writing. You weren't writing.</p>	<p>RULE: SUBJECT + „will be“ + VERB (+ ing) (10)</p> <p>I you he (she, it) } will be writing (working) they</p> <p>FRAGE: Will you be writing (working)? VERN.: No, I won't be writing. You won't be writing.</p>
Perfect	<p>RULE: SUBJECT + entspr. FORM v. „to have“ + VERB (+ ed) o. bei unregelm. VERBEN die dritte FORM (5)</p> <p>I have you have he (she, it) has } written (worked) we have</p> <p>FRAGE: Have you written (worked)? Has he...? VERN.: No, I haven't... He (she, it) hasn't written.</p>	<p>RULE: SUBJECT + „had“ + VERB (+ ed) o. bei unregelm. VERBEN die dritte FORM (8)</p> <p>I had you had he (she, it) had } written (worked) we had</p> <p>FRAGE: Had you written (worked)? VERN.: No, we hadn't written.</p>	<p>RULE: SUBJECT + „will have“ + VERB (+ ed) o. bei unregelm. VERBEN die dritte FORM (11)</p> <p>I we } will have written (worked) they</p> <p>FRAGE: Will you have written? VERN.: I won't have written.</p>
Perfect Continuous	<p>RULE: SUBJECT + „have been“ + VERB (+ ing) („has been“) (6)</p> <p>I have been you have been he (she, it) has been } writing (working) we have been</p> <p>FRAGE: How long have you (has she) been waiting? VERN.: ✗ sense?</p>	<p>RULE: SUBJECT + „had been“ + VERB (+ ing) (9)</p> <p>I had been you had been he (she, it) had been } writing (working) we had been</p> <p>FRAGE: How long had you been working at... before you came to...? VERN.: ✗ sense?</p>	<p>RULE: SUBJECT + „will have been“ + VERB (+ ing) (12)</p> <p>I he (she, it) } will have been writing (working) we</p> <p>FRAGE: How long will you have been writing? VERN.: ✗ sense?</p>