



What is Tense?



- The word “Tense” is derived from the latin word “Tempus” which means time.

Definition of Tense:

Tense is the form in which a verb is used to express when an action is, was, or will be performed.

Based on time frame, that is when the action is taking place, we can divide or categorize tense into three types-

- Present Tense
- Past Tense
- Future Tense



12 Verb Tenses in English

	Past	Present	Future
SIMPLE	I studied English yesterday.	I study English.	I will study English.
CONTINUOUS	I was studying English.	I am studying English	I will be studying English.
PERFECT	I had studied English.	I have studied English.	I will have studied English.
PERFECT CONTINUOUS	I had been studying English.	I have been studying English.	I will have been studying English.



SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE

The **simple present tense** is used to describe habits, unchanging situations, general truths, and fixed arrangements.

Forms

+ S + V(s/es) + O.

- S + don't/doesn't + V (base form) + O.

? Do/does + S + V(base form) + O?



Affirmative (+)

Negative (-)

Interrogative (?)

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| • I run fast. | I don't run fast. | Do I run fast? |
| • You run fast. | You don't run fast. | Do you run fast? |
| • He runs fast. | He doesn't run fast. | Does he run fast? |
| • She runs fast. | She doesn't run fast. | Does she run fast? |
| • It runs fast. | It doesn't run fast. | Does it run fast? |
| • They run fast. | They don't run fast. | Do they run fast? |
| • We run fast. | We don't run fast. | Do we run fast? |

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Use



1. **Regular habits or daily routine:** Use the Simple Present to express the idea that an action is repeated or usual. The action can be a habit, a hobby, a daily event or something that often happens.

- E.g.
- I **play** soccer
 - The school **opens** every morning at 7 AM.
 - He always **forgets** her bag.
 - Every twelve months, the Earth **circles** the Sun.

Use

2. **Facts or generalizations:** The Simple Present can also indicate the speaker believes that a fact was true before, is true now, and will be true in the future. It is not important if the speaker is correct about the fact. It is also used to make generalizations about people or things.

- E.g.
- Cats **like** milk.
 - Caracas **is** the capital of Venezuela
 - Windows **are not** made of wood.

Use

3. **Scheduled Events in the Near Future:** Speakers occasionally use Simple Present to talk about scheduled events in the near future. This is most commonly done when talking about public transportation, but it can be used with other scheduled events as well.

- E.g.**
- The bus **leaves** tonight at 6 PM.
 - When **do** we **board** the plane?
 - The party **starts** at 8 o'clock.



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⚡ REMEMBER ⚡

Why do we use Simple Past Tense?

➤ Completed actions in the past.

- My mom **made** some pancake for us yesterday.



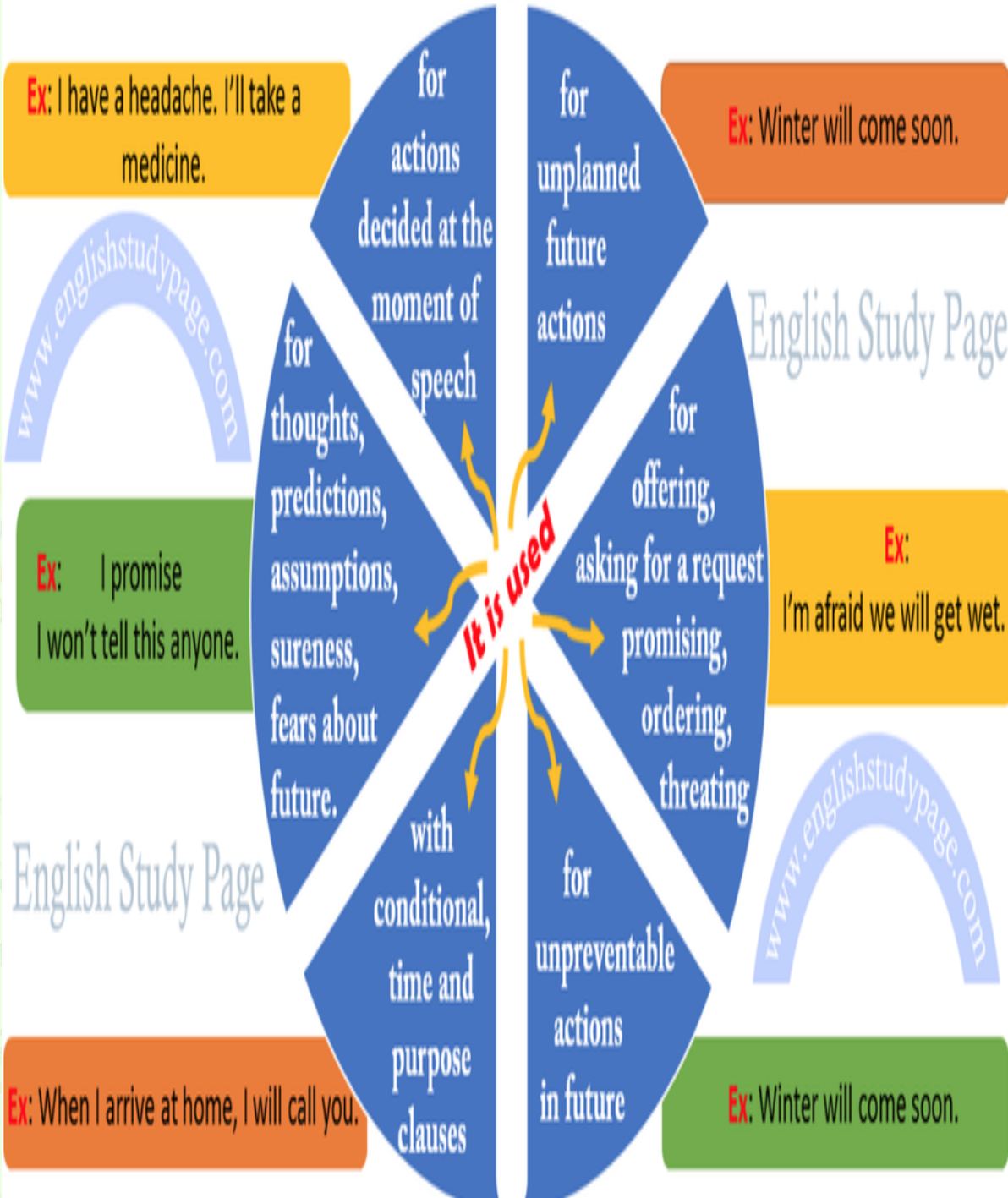
➤ A series of completed actions in the past.

- I **finished** my work, **walked** to the beach, and **found** a nice place to swim.



SIMPLE FUTURE TENSE

Subject + WILL + V₁ (First Form of Verb)



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