

Tense



Past, Progressive Past and Perfect Form



Verbs

Verbs indicate that someone or something is **doing, feeling or being**.

They **built** a ship.

Tom **fell**.

I **played** and **played**.

The stairs **were** a mess!



Usually verbs have the name of a person or thing or a pronoun in front of them.



Verbs have a **tense**.

They tell us ***when*** the action happened.

In the **past**,

In the **present**,

or, in the **future**.



Tom **played**.

We **have** such fun.

We **will play** again tomorrow.



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Present tense	Past tense
The boys <i>play</i> . Tom <i>falls</i> on the stairs. I <i>am</i> a bit sad. You <i>tell</i> me not to worry.	The boys <i>played</i> . Tom <i>fell</i> on the stairs. I <i>was</i> a bit sad. You <i>told</i> me not to worry.

Progressive form of verbs



The progressive form is continuous.

It suggests that the action **continues**, for a period of time,

Mum *was waiting* for me to finish playing.



or **continues** at the time something else happens or happened.

We *were playing* when Tom fell over.



Simple past and past-progressive



Simple- Past

I *played* superheroes.

The cat *sat* patiently.

Tom *came* back.

Dad *read*.



Past-Progressive

I *was playing* superheroes.

The cat *was sitting* patiently.

Tom *was coming* back.

Dad *was reading*.

Perfect form





Perfect form



The perfect form of the past tense suggests that a past action is **still affecting the present**.

Simple past

We built a ship.

I found a saw.

Tom ate the cake.

Perfect form

We have built a ship.

I have found a saw.

Tom has eaten the cake.

We built the ship in the past and it is *still* there.

I found a saw in the past and it is *still* with me.

Tom ate the cake in the past and it is *still* eaten.

Perfect Form

The perfect form is created by using the present or past tense of 'have' with the past participle of the verb.

We have played.

She has asked to play too.

My sister has joined the ship.



Perfect Form
has/have + verb

Perfect form

Change these sentences into the simple past, and then the perfect form.



Tom loves the birds.

The fat cat eats a lot of birds.

We try to stop the cat!

Simple past

Tom loved the birds.

The fat cat ate a lot of birds.

We tried to stop the cat!

Perfect form

Tom has loved birds (since he was two).

The fat cat has eaten a lot of birds.

We have tried to stop the cat!

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