

Rules for Tenses

Aspirants who are preparing for the different Government exams must have a clear idea about the tenses rule for the English language section.

There are three types of tenses:

- Present Tense
- Past Tense
- Future Tense

Each of the three above mentioned tenses can further be divided into sub parts. These sub parts include:

- Simple
- Continuous
- Perfect
- Perfect Continuous

Given below are the rules of tenses for your reference:

Tenses Rules	
Tense	Rule
Simple Present Tense	Subject + V1 + s/es + Object (Singular) Subject + V1 + Object (Plural)
Present Continuous Tense	Subject + is/am/are + V1 + ing + object
Present Perfect Tense	Subject + has + V3 + Object (Singular) Subject + have + V3 + Object (Plural)
Present Perfect Continuous Tense	Subject + has been + V1 + ing + Object (Singular) Subject + have been + V1 + ing + Object (Plural)
Simple Past Tense	Subject + V2 + Object
Past Continuous Tense	Subject + was + V1 + ing + Object (Singular) Subject + were + V1 + ing + Object (Plural)
Past Perfect Tense	Subject + had + V3 + Object
Past Perfect Continuous Tense	Subject + had been + V1 + ing + Object
Simple Future Tense	Subject + will/shall + V1 + Object

Future Continuous Tense	Subject + will be/shall be + ing + V1 + Object
Future Perfect Tense	Subject + will have/shall have + V3 + Object
Future Perfect Continuous Tense	Subject + will have been + V1 + ing + Object

In the above table,

V1 refers to first form of verb

V2 refers to second form of verb

V3 refers to the third form of verb

Given below are a few examples that may help simplify the concept:

1. Raj speaks German (**Simple Present for Singular**)
2. They speak German (**Simple Present for Plural**)
3. She is speaking German (**Present Continuous**)
4. He has learnt German (**Present Perfect for Singular**)
5. They have learnt German (**Present Perfect for Plural**)
6. She has been learning German (**Present Perfect Continuous for Singular**)
7. They have been learning German (**Present Perfect Continuous for Plural**)
8. I played football yesterday (**Simple Past**)
9. I was playing football yesterday (**Past Continuous for Singular**)
10. They were playing football yesterday (**Past Continuous for Plural**)
11. They had played football yesterday (**Past Perfect**)
12. They had been playing football the entire yesterday (**Past Perfect Continuous**)
13. She will go to school tomorrow (**Simple Future**)
14. She will be going to the school tomorrow (**Future Continuous**)
15. She will have gone to school tomorrow (**Future Perfect**)
16. She will have been going to school tomorrow (**Future Perfect Continuous**)

To score more in the English language section, candidates must go through the above mentioned tenses rules and practise more with the help of different examples.