



Writing Centre Verb Tenses

	Simple	Progressive	Perfect	Perfect Progress
<i>Past</i>	base+ <i>ed</i> (past participle) walked 1. habits in past 2. facts in past 3. completed action in past	WAS+ present participle was standing was walking 1. interrupted action in the past 2. happened over a period of time in the past 3. two actions happening at the same time in the past	HAD+ past participle had gone had studied 1. completed action that happened at a point of time before another point of time in the past 2. duration before something happened in the past	HAD BEEN+ present participle had been going had been sleeping 1. on-going action in the past before another point of time in the past 2. cause of something in the past
<i>Present</i>	base or base+ <i>s</i> or <i>es</i> walks/ walk 1. habits (everyday) 2. facts 3. states of being	verb to be+ base+ <i>ing</i> (present participle) is walking 1. in progress now 2. now and continuing 3. plan in the near future	HAS/ HAVE+ past participle has/have traveled 1. unspecified time 2. durative, from past to now	HAS/HAVE BEEN+ present participle have been teaching 1. happened over time in the past and still going on 2. recent action
<i>Future</i>	WILL+ base or verb to be+ GOING TO+ base will walk am going to walk 1. prior plan 2. prediction 3. promise	WILL BE+ present participle verb to be+ GOING TO BE+ present participle will be studying am going to be studying 1. interrupted action in the future 2. happening over a period of time in the future 3. two actions happening at the same time in the future	WILL HAVE+ past participle verb to be+ GOING TO HAVE+ past participle will have graduated am going to have studied 1. completed action that happened at a point of time before another point of time in the future 2. duration before something happened in the future	WILL HAVE BEEN+ present participle will have been sleeping 1. on-going action in the past before another point of time in the future 2. cause of something in the future

