

The Six Verb Tenses

Tense	What it Shows	Examples
Present	action happening in the present; action that happens repeatedly	we <i>dance</i> in pairs we <i>dance</i> all night
Past	action completed in the past	we <i>danced</i>
Future	action that will happen in the future	we <i>shall dance</i> we <i>will dance</i>
Present Perfect	action completed recently or in indefinite past	I <i>have danced</i>
Past perfect	action that happened before another action	I <i>had</i> already <i>danced</i> the foxtrot
Future Perfect	action that will happen before a future action or time	by nine o'clock, I <i>will have danced</i>

The Progressive Forms for the Six Tenses

Progressive Form	Example
Present Progressive	(am, is, are) dancing
Past Progressive	(was, were) dancing
Future Progressive	will (shall) be dancing
Present Perfect Progressive	(has, have) been dancing
Past Perfect Progressive	had been dancing
Future Perfect Progressive	will have been dancing shall have been dancing