

ENGLISH GRAMMAR

Present Tenses in English:

Simple present tense

They **walk** home.

Present continuous tense

They **are walking** home.

Past Tenses in English:

Simple past tense

Peter **lived** in China in 1965.

Past continuous tense

I **was reading** when she arrived.

Perfect Tenses in English:

Present perfect tense

I **have lived** here since 1987.

Present perfect continuous

I **have been living** here for years.

Past perfect

We **had been** to see her several times before she visited us.

Past perfect continuous

He **had been watching** her for some time when she turned and smiled.

Future perfect

We **will have arrived** in the States by the time you get this letter.

Future perfect continuous

By the end of your course, you **will have been studying** for five years.

Future Tenses in English:

Simple future tense

They **will go** to Italy next week.

Future continuous tense

I **will be travelling** by train.

Conditional Tenses in English:

Zero conditional

If ice **gets** hot it **melts**.

Type 1 conditional

If he **is** late I **will be** angry.

Type 2 conditional

If he **was** in Australia he **would be getting up** now.

Type 3 conditional

She **would have visited** me if she **had had** time.

Mixed conditional

I **would be playing** tennis if I **hadn't broken** my arm.

The -ing forms in English:

Gerund

I like **swimming**.

Present participle

She goes **running** every morning.

Infinitives:

To **swim**/ To **run**

Passive voice:

The house **was built** in 1654. (= we are interested in the house, not in who built it.)

The road **is being repaired**. (= we are interested in the road, not in the people who are doing the repairs.)