

## Grammar: Tense review

Time: 60/90 minutes

Level: \*\*\*\* [B1/B2/C1]

### Lesson Plan

Aim: to revise the 12 tenses through discussion of key tenses and provide written and spoken practice / production activities

#### 1. Lead in

- Ask Students to discuss 'what do you know about the English tense system?'
- Try to elicit the 12 tenses and write these on the board.
- Try to elicit any rules about these tenses.

**Exercise 1:** [Grammar review #1 / discussion]- put in pairs / small groups and ask students to discuss the sentences. Explain they should underline the structure and try to explain the rule / why it is used?

- Monitor & support as necessary.
- Feedback: after each set of sentences or at the end (ANSWER Sheet).
- Handout the Grammar Tense Structure sheet (last page) for consolidation.

**Exercise 2:** [Tense review #2 / reading and writing] - students choose a suitable verb tense for each gap. Teacher feedbacks and explains why each tense is correct.

**Exercise 3:** [Tense review #3 / speaking activity] - in small groups of 3 or 4 students choose a number between 1-36. One member in the group asks that student the question. The student should try to speak for about 30 seconds.

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## Grammar Tense Review #1

What tense is it? Underline the structure? What is the use/rule?

1. I often start work at 8:30 every day. (*present simple / everyday habits or routines*)
2. The world is round.
3. I was watching TV last night.
4. I [redacted] me.
5. We're doing a grammar review.
6. I'm [redacted]
7. I will be travelling to London tomorrow evening
8. I lived [redacted]
9. They've lived in Spain since 2011.
10. I've [redacted]
11. I've never been to Spain.
12. I think I'll go shopping this afternoon.
13. I'm [redacted]
14. John was not at home; he had gone shopping.
15. John [redacted] he got home.
16. The world [redacted].
17. We will live on Mars in 2050.
18. I'll help [redacted] later.
19. The train leaves at 3:45.
20. Look [redacted] rain.
21. By June, I'll have been here for 2 months.
22. By June, [redacted] months.

## **Grammar Tense Review ANSWERS**

What tense is it? Underline the structure? What is the use/rule?

1. I often **start** work at 8:30 every day (*present simple / everyday habits or routines*)
2. The world **is** round (*facts, things that are generally true*)
3. I **was watching** TV last night (*an activity at a specific time in the past*)
4. I **was** interrupted. (*interrupted action - an activity in progress when something else happens*)
5. We **'re doing** a grammar review (*an activity now / or around now*)
6. I **'m** going to London next week (*an arrangement in the future*)
7. I **will be travelling** to London tomorrow evening (*an activity in the future at a specific time*)
8. I **had** finished my homework (*a finished past action*)
9. They **'ve lived** in Spain since 2011 (*the past and present connected*)
10. I **have** visited Spain (*a present and past connection showing activity*)
11. I **'ve never been** to Spain (*experience / in my life*)
12. I think I **'ll go** shopping this afternoon (*a spontaneous decision made at the time of speaking*)
13. I **was** planning to go shopping (*a plan - a decision made before speaking*)
14. John **was** not home, he **had gone** shopping (*the past of the past*)
15. John **had** gone home (*a past activity of the past*)
16. The world **will** be different (*future fact*)
17. We **will live** on Mars in 2050. (*future prediction*)
18. I **'ll** go to the gym (*an offer*)
19. The train **leaves** at 3:45 (*timetables*)
20. Look at the clouds. It **will** rain (*future prediction with evidence*)
21. By June, I **'ll have been** here for 2 months (*looking back from a future time*)
22. By June, I **will have** been here for 2 months (*looking back on an activity from a future time*)

## Tense Review #2

Read the following passage and put the verbs in the correct form (active or passive)

I must admit that Maria's English 1) \_\_\_\_\_ (**improve**) every day. Three weeks ago she 2) \_\_\_\_\_ (**manage**) to book the \_\_\_\_\_ at the local travel agents all in English. The night before we 3) \_\_\_\_\_ (**leave**), she 4) \_\_\_\_\_ ) me to remind \_\_\_\_\_ train 5) \_\_\_\_\_ (**leave**) at 7:35 and if we 6) \_\_\_\_\_ (**miss**) that, we 7) \_\_\_\_\_ (**miss**) \_\_\_\_\_ said.

'Of course I 8) \_\_\_\_\_ (**be**) late,' I \_\_\_\_\_ always 9) \_\_\_\_\_ (**turn up**) late for things!'. Surprisingly, we both 10) \_\_\_\_\_ (**arrive**) on time at the \_\_\_\_\_ train. We 12) \_\_\_\_\_ (**sit**) on the train for about 10 minutes when we \_\_\_\_\_ (**go**) in the wrong direction! We got off at the next station where a ticket seller informed us that there 14) \_\_\_\_\_ 8:45. We explained that we had to catch the ferry at 10:00. 'Well, if I 15) \_\_\_\_\_ (**be**) you he \_\_\_\_\_. That should get you to Portsmouth before the ferry 17) \_\_\_\_\_ (**set**) sail. But you 18) \_\_\_\_\_ (**have**) \_\_\_\_\_ bus station in 10 minutes!' We shot off like lightning despite our heavy rucksacks on our \_\_\_\_\_ just as \_\_\_\_\_. We just 21) \_\_\_\_\_ (**collapse**) in our seats with a sigh of relief, when the driver announced, 'Sorry everyone but the motorway 22) \_\_\_\_\_ so we 23) \_\_\_\_\_ (**get**) to Portsmouth until 9:45. We moaned in despair. That gave us \_\_\_\_\_. We arrived at Portsmouth bus station at 9:40 and jumped into a Taxi. 'The Santander ferry Terminal and please \_\_\_\_\_ ) before we 25) \_\_\_\_\_ (**get**) there'.

To our astonishment, \_\_\_\_\_ engine and turned around 26) ' \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ ?' (**hear**) \_\_\_\_\_ 27) \_\_\_\_\_ (**come out**) on strike last night, so there's no ferries today!'. 'Oh no!' I cried in disbelief. 'If only I 28) \_\_\_\_\_ news this morning!

## Tense Review **ANSWERS**

I must admit that Maria's English 1) is improving every day. Three weeks ago she 2) managed to book the Portsmouth to Santander...

**ALL ANSWERS IN PAID VERSION...**

## Tenses and Speaking Review #3

- 1) Past simple – tell an anecdote (funny story about you).
- 2) Past continuous (activity at a certain time in \_\_\_\_\_)
- 3) Past continuous (2 or more activities time in the past) - Talk about a time when you were multi-tasking.
- 4) Past continuous (interrupted action) – Talk \_\_\_\_\_ **happened**.
- 5) Past perfect (the past of the past) – What **had** you **done** before you came to class?
- 6) Past perfect (past \_\_\_\_\_) I **had** \_\_\_\_\_ (p/p).....
- 7) Past perfect continuous (past activity of the past) What **had** you **been doing** before you came here?
  
- 8) Present simple (habits/routines) – \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) Present simple (facts) – Tell an interesting fact about your country.
- 10) Present simple (for future: time tables) – \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 11) Present continuous (now) – Describe what you **are doing** now?
- 12) Present \_\_\_\_\_ about a temporary situation at the moment.
- 13) Present continuous (future: time, place, person) – \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 14) Present perfect simple (past to present with for / since) – How long **have** you been in this country?
- 15) Present perfect simple ( \_\_\_\_\_) unusual?
- 16) Present perfect simple (around now) – What **have** you just/already **done**?
- 17) Present perfect \_\_\_\_\_ you **been doing** for a long time?
- 18) Present perfect continuous (a temporary activity) - How long **have** you **been staying** here?
- 19) Present perfect continuous (unfinished \_\_\_\_\_).
  
- 20) Future simple (going to: a plan/intention) – What **are** you **going to do** at the weekend?
- 21) Future simple (will: spontaneous decision) – \_\_\_\_\_
- 22) Future simple (will: prediction) – Who **will win** the world cup next?
- 23) Future simple (will: facts) – \_\_\_\_\_
- 24) Future continuous (activity in the future) - What **will** you **be doing** tomorrow at 8:30pm?
- 25) Future perfect simple (look forward) – By \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 26) If conditional (first) – \_\_\_\_\_
- 27) If conditional (second) – **If** you **won** £1,000,000, what **would** you **do**?
- 28) If conditional (third) – **If** y \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 29) Present simple passive: What products **are produced** in your country?
- 30) Past simple passive: \_\_\_\_\_
- 31) Present perfect passive: What businesses in your country **have been affected** by the economic crisis?
- 32) Future simple passive: Do you \_\_\_\_\_ 2200?
  
- 33) Used to do (an activity in the past you don't do now) - \_\_\_\_\_
- 34) To have something done (causative) – What do you **need to have done** (you / home / car)?
- 35) Used to doing (it was hard at first but \_\_\_\_\_)
- 36) To get used to (it is still difficult \_\_\_\_\_) in the UK?

Tense	Rule	Example Sentence
<b>Present Simple</b> [infinitive]	1. a habit [redacted] 3. timetables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I often <b>start</b> work at 8:30 everyday</li> <li>The [redacted]</li> <li>The train leaves at 3:45</li> </ul>
<b>Present Continuous</b> [is/am/are + ing]	1. an activity now [redacted] 3. an arranged future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We're <b>doing</b> a grammar review (now)</li> <li>I'm [redacted]</li> <li>I'm having my haircut today at 3:00</li> </ul>
<b>Present Perfect Simple</b> [have/has +/past participle]	1. an action that occurred in the past and connects to now 2. a past experience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adverbs ([redacted])</li> <li>Time expressions (today / recently / this morning..)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They've <b>lived</b> here since 2011</li> <li>He's [redacted] for 1 year</li> <li>We've <b>just seen</b> Peter</li> <li>I've [redacted]</li> </ul>
<b>Present perfect Continuous</b> [Have/has +been+ing]	1. an activity that started in the past but continues up to now.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I've <b>been studying</b> English for 9 years</li> </ul>
<b>Past Simple</b> [past simple form]	1. a finished action in the past	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I <b>lived</b> in Spain in 2009</li> </ul>
<b>Past Continuous</b> [was/were+ing]	1. an activity in the past 2. [redacted]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I <b>was watching</b> TV last night (at 9:00)</li> <li>[redacted] a friend <b>arrived</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>Past perfect Simple</b> [had + past participle]	1. the past of the past (before / after / when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>John <b>was</b> not home, he <b>had gone</b> shopping</li> <li>When [redacted] his dinner</li> </ul>
<b>Past Perfect Continuous</b> [had+been+ing]	1. a past activity of a past action (before / after/when)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I <b>had been waiting</b> for 20 mins before the bus came.</li> </ul>
<b>Future Simple</b> [will+infinitive]	1. future facts 2. predictions 3. [redacted] 4. promises, offers, threats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The world cup <b>will be held</b> in Korea in 2032</li> <li>We <b>will live</b> on Mars in 2050.</li> <li>I [redacted]</li> <li>I'll <b>help</b> you with your homework later (offer)</li> </ul>
<b>Future simple</b> [going+to+infinitive]	1. plans & decision made before speaking / 2. [redacted]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>She <b>is going to play</b> badminton tonight (a plan)</li> <li>Look at [redacted]</li> </ul>
<b>Future Continuous</b> (time) [will+be+ing]	1. an activity in the future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I <b>will be travelling</b> to London tomorrow evening</li> </ul>
<b>Future Perfect Simple</b> [will+been+past participle]	1. an action will be [redacted] by / in)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By June [redacted]</li> </ul>
<b>Future Perfect Continuous</b> [will+have+been+ing]	1. an activity will be completed sometime in the future (by/ in)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In April, I'll <b>have been living</b> here for 5 years</li> </ul>