

ACTIVE TENSES

Simple Tenses

Simple tenses are used whenever we are talking about a *point in time*.



Past Simple

I **ate** breakfast this morning.

Present Simple

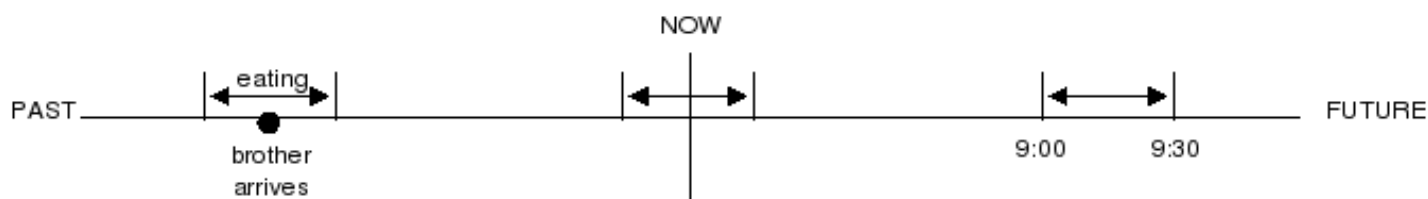
I **eat** breakfast every day.

Future Simple

I **will eat** breakfast later.

Continuous Tenses

Continuous tenses are used whenever we are talking about a *length of time*.



Past Continuous

I **was eating** breakfast when my brother arrived.

Present Continuous

Right now, I **am eating** breakfast.

Future Continuous

I **will be eating** breakfast from 9:00 to 9:30.

Perfect Tenses

Perfect tenses are used whenever we are talking about a *point in time before another point in time*.



Past Perfect

I **had** already **eaten** breakfast when my brother arrived.

Present Perfect

I **have** already **eaten** breakfast.

Future Perfect

I **will have** already **eaten** breakfast by the time my brothers arrives.

Perfect Continuous Tenses

Perfect continuous tenses are used whenever we are talking about a *length of time up to a point in time*.



Past Perfect Continuous

I **had been eating** breakfast for 30 minutes when my brother arrived.

Present Perfect Continuous

I **have been eating** my breakfast for 30 minutes.

Future Perfect Continuous

I **will have been eating** my breakfast for 30 minutes by the time you arrive.