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# Table of English Tenses

## 1. Basic Forms

The Infinitive	Past Simple	Past
(I) to V <i>to wo rk, to go</i>	(II) V-ed <i>worked, went</i>	(III) <i>work</i>

## 2. Types of Verbs

Notional Verbs	Auxiliary Verbs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– independent meaning;</li> <li>– simple predicate in sentences;</li> </ul> <p><i>to live, to build</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– no independent meaning;</li> <li>– make complex forms;</li> </ul> <p><i>to do to be to have shall (should) will (would)</i></p>

## to be

1) a notional verb "to exist, to locate, to belong"

*It **is** a house. He **was** at home*

2) a link verb *You **were** right.*

3) an auxiliary verb (Active Continuous Tenses, Tenses in passive)

*I **am** writing. It **was** done. in fixed word combinations*

*They **are** in a hurry.*

1) a notional verb "to exist, to locate, to belong, to accomplish, to fulfill"

***Do** the children like to play? **do** you like to travel?*

2) an auxiliary verb (Active Continuous Tenses)

*What **do** you think of this? **don't** you like it?*

3) in fixed word combinations

***Do** you know the answer?*



	I	II
<b>to be</b>	to be	was wer
<b>to do</b>	to do	did
<b>to have</b>	to have	had

### 3. Regular and Irregular Verbs

Regular Verbs	
Past Simple	P
V-ed	
<i>played, lived</i>	w
Past Participle	P
V-ed	
<i>played, lived</i>	g

#### 4. Mood

Indicative Mood	Imperative Mood
<p>The action is a real fact.</p> <p><i>I have built a new house.</i></p>	<p>Instructions, orders, requests</p> <p>Build a new house!</p>

## 5. Voice

Active Voice	
<p>The subject performs the action.</p> <p><i>Jack built the house a year ago.</i></p>	<p>The</p> <p><i>The</i></p>

## 6. Sentence Structure

The word order is fixed: the subject (S), the predicate (P), the

Object (O), the Adverbial Modifier (Adv).

<b>Positive sentence "+"</b>	<b>S + P</b> <b>S + a.v. (aux)</b>
<b>Negative sentence "-"</b>	<b>S + a.v. + n</b>
<b>Questions "?"</b>	<b>a.v. + S + P</b> <b>Wh-? + a.v.</b> <b>Wh-? + P (c</b> <b>Wh-? + a.v.</b>

# 1. Simple Tenses Active

## 1.1.1. The Present Simple Tense

I/You/We/They build houses.	I/You/We/They <b><u>do not</u></b> build houses.
He/She/It <b>builds</b> houses.	He/She/It <b><u>does not</u></b> build houses.
N + V/Vs	N + do/does + not + V

- General actions; e.g. *People build houses of different materials.*
- Universal truths; e.g. *The sun rises in the east.*
- Habitual actions; e.g. *Sam reads a newspaper at breakfast.*
- Time expressions: **never, seldom, hardly ever, rarely, occasionally, sometimes, from time to time, regularly, often, frequently, every day/ month/year, usually, always.** e.g. *We often meet Liz in the sports club.*
- Instructions, directions; e.g. *Clean your teeth twice a day.*

- Demonstrations, step by step instructions; e.g. *First I wash the potatoes, peel them, cut and add a little salt.*
- Timetables (verbs of movement): **to arrive, to come, to start, to leave** и т. д. e.g. *The classes start at 9 a.m.*

### **1.1.2. The Past Simple Tense**

“+”

“-”

## Regular

I/You/We/They/He/She/It  
lived in a new house.

## Irregular

I/You/We/They/He/She/It  
built a house a year ago.

N + Ved

N + V (II)

## Regular

I/You/We/They/He/She/It  
live in a new house.

## Irregular

He/She/It did  
build a house  
a year ago.

N + did + not

- Statement of facts; e.g. *Columbus discovered America.*
- A succession of past events; e.g. *We met in the club, played a game of snooker and then went to the cinema.*
- A single action in the past; e.g. *Bob finished his dinner half an hour ago.*
- A repeated action in the past; e.g. *Every summer the Potters visited their friends in Australia.*
- No connection with the present situation; e.g. *I didn't have a car when I was young.*
- Specific time – **yesterday, some time ago, the other day, in 1995, during the trip, last Monday, then, when, just now**  
e.g. *Judy phoned just now.*

### **1.1.3. The Future Simple Tense**



“+”	“-”
<p>I/ /We <u>will/shall</u> live in a new house.</p> <p>You/They/He/She/It <u>will</u> live in a new house.</p>	<p>I/ We <u>will/shall</u> live in a new house.</p> <p>You/They/He/She/It <u>will</u> live in a new house.</p>
N + shall/will + V	N + shall/will + V

- A single action in the future; e.g. *I'll stop smoking one day.*
- A repeated action in the future; e.g. *Tom will go to the swimming pool three times a week.*

«Time expressions – next week, tomorrow, in 2010, in a month, later, one day etc.

- Feelings, doubts, thoughts without any objective evidences. (**I think, I guess, I suppose, probably, perhaps**, etc.) e.g. *I won't pass the exam.* e.g. *It will be cold tomorrow.* e.g. *Cars will be very different in the year 2050.*

- A future action is definite with some objective evidences at present (**am/is/are going to**); e.g. *Look! Jack is going to jump off the tree.*

- A future action is unplanned, spontaneous e.g. *What will you do at the weekend? – I don't know. Perhaps I'll invite friends to my place.*

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