

## Past Continuous Tense

### What is Tense?

Tense refers to the time of an action. It shows when something happens — in the present, past, or future.

### Types of Tense

| Tense Type    | Description                                     | Example   |
|---------------|---|---|
| Present Tense | Shows an action happening now or a general fact | Radhika is present today. We do our homework every day. I eat my breakfast.                 |
| Past Tense    | Shows an action that already happened           | Radhika was present yesterday. We did our homework yesterday. I ate my breakfast.           |
| Future Tense  | Shows an action that will happen later          | Radhika will be absent tomorrow. We will do our homework tomorrow. I will eat my breakfast. |

### Grammar Byte

Tense is the form of the verb that shows the time of the action. Keywords that help identify tenses:

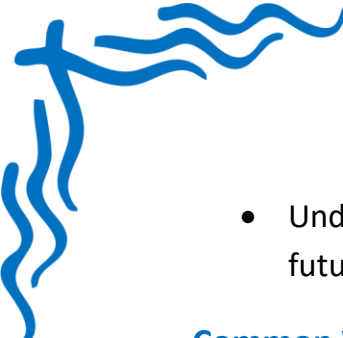
- **Present:** now, today
- **Past:** yesterday, last week
- **Future:** tomorrow, next week

### Verb Forms Example:

- I am (present)
- I was (past)
- I will be (future)

### Learning Outcome

By studying tenses, students will:

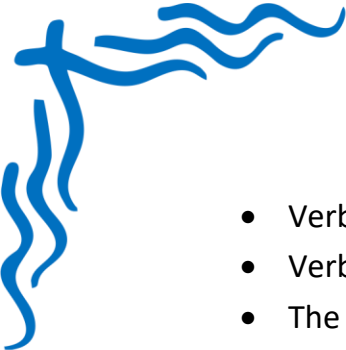
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- Understand how verbs change with time. Identify verbs in the present, past, and future tense accurately.

### Common Verbs in Different Tenses

| Base Verb | Past Tense | Future Tense |
|-----------|------------|--------------|
| blow      | blew       | will blow    |
| begin     | began      | will begin   |
| write     | wrote      | will write   |
| pay       | paid       | will pay     |
| make      | made       | will make    |
| lose      | lost       | will lose    |
| leave     | left       | will leave   |
| know      | knew       | will know    |
| draw      | drew       | will draw    |
| do        | did        | will do      |
| eat       | ate        | will eat     |
| see       | saw        | will see     |
| go        | went       | will go      |
| drive     | drove      | will drive   |
| drink     | drank      | will drink   |

And many more, including: catch, give, read, run, swim, win, sleep, etc.

### Important Points to Remember



- Verbs change form based on the time of action.
- Verbs in a sentence help determine if the sentence is in Present, Past, or Future.
- The form of verbs in sentences is essential to understand tense.

### Quick Summary Table

| Tense   | Helping Verbs      | Example Sentence        |
|---------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Present | is / am / are      | I am in the class.      |
| Past    | was / were         | She was at the market.  |
| Future  | will be / shall be | They will be here soon. |