

## Rules for Changing Tense

✚ Changing the tense of a verb can be done in a number of ways depending on the context and the desired effect. Here are some general rules for changing tense:

1. To change the present tense to the past tense, add "-ed" to the base form of the verb for regular verbs, or use the past tense form for irregular verbs.
  - ❖ **Example:** I walk to school every day. (present tense) --> I walked to school yesterday. (past tense)
2. To change the past tense to the present tense, remove "-ed" from the past tense form of the verb.
  - ❖ **Example:** I ate breakfast this morning. (past tense) --> I eat breakfast every morning. (present tense)
3. To change the present tense to the future tense, add "will" before the base form of the verb.
  - ❖ **Example:** I work hard. (present tense) --> I will work hard tomorrow. (future tense)
4. To change the past tense to the future tense, use "will have" before the past participle form of the verb.
  - ❖ **Example:** I finished my homework. (past tense) --> I will have finished my homework by tomorrow. (future perfect tense)
5. To change the present tense to the present continuous tense, add "be" before the present participle form of the verb.
  - ❖ **Example:** I read books. (present tense) --> I am reading a book. (present continuous tense)
6. To change the past tense to the past continuous tense, use "was/were" before the present participle form of the verb.
  - ❖ **Example:** I watched TV. (past tense) --> I was watching TV when the phone rang. (past continuous tense)
7. To change the present tense to the present perfect tense, use "have/has" before the past participle form of the verb.
  - ❖ **Example:** I have seen that movie before. (present perfect tense)

8. To change the past tense to the past perfect tense, use "had" before the past participle form of the verb.
  - ❖ **Example:** I had already eaten dinner when my friends came over. (past perfect tense)
9. To change the present continuous tense to the future continuous tense, use "will be" before the present participle form of the verb.
  - ❖ **Example:** I am studying for the exam. (present continuous tense) --> I will be studying for the exam at this time tomorrow. (future continuous tense)
10. To change the past continuous tense to the future continuous tense, use "will be" before the past participle form of the verb.
  - ❖ **Example:** I was watching TV when my friend called. (past continuous tense) --> I will be watching TV at this time tomorrow. (future continuous tense)
11. To change the present perfect tense to the future perfect tense, use "will have" before the past participle form of the verb.
  - ❖ **Example:** I have finished my work. (present perfect tense) --> I will have finished my work by tomorrow. (future perfect tense)
12. To change the past perfect tense to the future perfect tense, use "will have" before the past participle form of the verb.
  - ❖ **Example:** I had already left by the time you arrived. (past perfect tense) --> I will have already left by the time you arrive tomorrow. (future perfect tense)