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**TENSES : INTRODUCTION**

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I write

I love

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I shall write

I shall love

Thus there are three main **Tense**

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Chief Tenses (Active Voice, Indicative Mood) of the verb to love.

## PRESENT TENSE

|            | Singular Number | Plural Number |
|------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1st Person | I love          | We love       |
| 2nd Person | You love        | You love      |
| 3rd Person | He loves        | They love     |

## PAST TENSE

|            | Singular Number | Plural Number |
|------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1st Person | I loved         | We loved      |
| 2nd Person | You loved       | You loved     |
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## FUTURE TENSE

|            | Singular Number     | Plural Number        |
|------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1st Person | I shall / will love | We shall / will love |



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|            | Singular Number | Plural Number  |
|------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 2nd Person | You will love   | You will love  |
| 3rd Person | He will love    | They will love |

## FORMS OF TENSES

### (1) PRESENT TENSE

- (1) I love. (Simple Present)
- (2) I am loving. (Present Continuous)
- (3) I have loved. (Present Perfect)
- (4) I have been loving. (Present Perfect Continuous)

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**(2) PAST TENSE**

- (1) I loved. (Simple past)
- (2) I was loving. (Past Continuous)
- (3) I had loved. (Past Perfect)
- (4) I had been loving. (Past Perfect Continuous)

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**(3) FUTURE TENSE**

- (1) I shall / will love. (Simple Future)
- (2) I shall / will be loving. (Future Continuous)
- (3) I shall / will have loved. (Future Perfect)
- (4) I shall have been loving. (Future Perfect Continuous)

Just as the Present Tense has four forms, the Past Tense and Future

have four forms similarly.

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# VERB FORMS OF VARIOUS TENSES : PRESENT TENSE

| Simple Present Tense | Present Continuous Tense |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| I speak              | I am speaking            |
| You speak            | You are speaking         |
| He speaks            | He is speaking.          |
| We speak             | We are speaking          |
| They speak           | They are speaking        |

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| Present Perfect Tense | Present Perfect Continuous Tense |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| I have spoken         | I have been speaking             |
| You have spoken       | You have been speaking           |
| He has spoken         | He has been speaking             |
| We have spoken        | We have been speaking            |
| They have spoken      | They have been speaking          |



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# VERB FORMS OF FUTURE TENSE

Simple Future  
Tense

Future Continuous  
Tense

I shall/will speak

I shall/will be speaking

You will speak

You will be speaking

He will speak

He will be speaking

We shall/will  
speak.

We shall/will be  
speaking

They will speak

They will be speaking

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Future Perfect  
Tense

Future Perfect  
Continuous Tense

I shall/will  
have spoken.

I shall/will have  
been speaking.

You will have  
spoken

You will have been  
speaking.





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| Future Perfect Tense        | Future Perfect Continuous Tense    |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| He will have spoken         | He will have been speaking         |
| We shall / will have spoken | He shall / will have been speaking |
| They will have spoken       | They will have been speaking       |

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