

VERB TENSE CHART

	Present	Past
<p>SIMPLE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A truth or fact • An action that is habitual or repeated <p>Note: Use simple tenses in a time phrase</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An action that started and ended in the past
<p>PROGRESSIVE (be)+(verb)+ing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An action that is happening now • An on-going or temporary action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An action that was happening at a specific time in the past
<p>PERFECT (have)+(verb)+en*</p> <p>*past participle</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An action that happened one or more times at an unsaid time before now • A state that began in the past and is still true now • An action that JUST finished 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An action that finished before another action or time in the past
<p>PERFECT PROGRESSIVE (have)+(been)+(verb)+ing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An action started in the past and is still happening in the present (Note: It could be recurring rather than continuous!) • A conclusion about something that happened based on evidence we see now • A temporary but on-going behavior or action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An action that happened over time in the past before another action

Part 1: Circle the correct words to complete the short paragraphs below.

This semester I am taking ESL 184. So far we (have finished / have been finishing) two chapters in our textbook. We (have written/have been writing) two journals and one reading log already, and last week the first draft of our first essay (was/has been) due.

Part 2: Each sentence below has one mistake. Find the error and correct it.

1. I have been studied English since I was in high school.
2. I have started studying English in tenth grade.
3. One of my classmates have served in the Korean army for two years before he came to the U.S.
4. iPhones became very popular recently.

Part 3: Write the questions

A: _____ ever _____ a job?

B: Yes, I've had two jobs. Right now I'm working at Northgate Market.

A: How long _____ ?

B: I've been working there for 3 years.

A: Where _____ you _____ before that?

B: Before this job I worked at the 99 Cents Store for six months. That was my first job.