

THE TENSES OF ENGLISH: The Present and the Past.

Verb	Subject	Form	Present
To work	I	work	I work at the supermarket.
	He/She/It	works	He will work when he arrives at the company.
	You/We/They	work	We work for the government.
To be (irregular)	I	I am/I'm	I am an agronomist.
	He/She/It	is	He is a doctor.
	You/We/They	are	There are three dogs at home.
Verb	Subject	Form	Present Continuous
To work	I	Tense of the verb to be + present participle+ ING	I am working in my English exercises at this moment.
	He/She/It		These days most of people are working with computers instead of typewriters.
	You/We/They		We are working in Paris for the next three weeks
Verb	Subject	Form	Present Perfect
To work	I	Present tense of the verb to have + past participle of the verb.	I have worked for a French company since 2011.
	He/She/It		She has worked in Olimpia all her life.
	You/We/They		You are too tired! You have been working all day long.
To be	I	Present tense of the verb have + been	I have been to Paris.
	He/She/It		She has been married for nearly 20 years.
	You/We/They		They have been watching The BBB since it started.

The **present tense** of the verbs in English is used to talk about the **present**, the **future** and the **past** when we are telling a story.

Verb	Subject	Form	Simple Past
To work	I	Verb (past)	I worked at the supermarket.
	He/She/It	Verb (past)	If he passed the contest he would work for the government
	You/We/They	Verb (past)	They would help us if we worked hard.
To be (irregular)	I	Was	I was a bad person last year.
	He/She/It	Was	He was a good student at high school.
	You/We/They	Were	There were three dogs at home last year.
Verb	Subject	Form	Past Continuous
To work	I	Past tense of be+ ing on the end of the verb	I was working when the phone rang.
	He/She/It		She was working during the flight.
	You/We/They		You were working during the meeting.
Verb	Subject	Form	Past Perfect
To work	I	We use the verb had + past participle of the verb	I had worked with France before 2011.
	He/She/It		He had worked 24 hours for the medical plan, he changed that later.
	You/We/They		You had worked to a lot before last year.
Verb	Subject	Form	Past Perfect Continuous
To work	I	Past tense of to have + present perfect of to be + verb + ing.	I had been working for 6 years when I stopped.
	He/She/It		She had been working at home for 5 hours before cooking her meal.
	You/We/They		They had been working hard when they suddenly got rich!

The **past tense** in English is used to talk about the **past**, to talk about **hypotheses** (Things that are imagined rather than true), and for **politeness**.