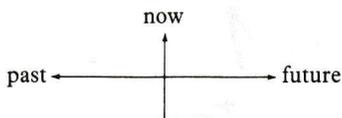


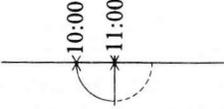
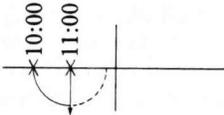
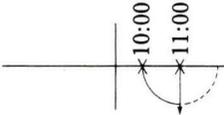
AN OVERVIEW OF ENGLISH VERB TENSES FOLLOWS IN CHARTS 1-1 THROUGH 1-5. The diagram shown below will be used in the tense descriptions:



1-1 THE SIMPLE TENSES

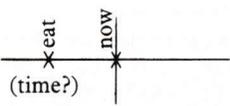
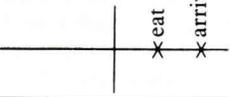
TENSE	EXAMPLES	MEANING
<p>SIMPLE PRESENT</p>	<p>(a) It snows in Alaska. (b) I watch television every day.</p>	<p>In general, the simple present expresses events or situations that <i>exist always, usually, habitually</i>; they exist now, have existed in the past, and probably will exist in the future.</p>
<p>SIMPLE PAST</p>	<p>(c) It snowed yesterday. (d) I watched television last night.</p>	<p>At one particular time in the past, this happened. It began and ended in the past.</p>
<p>SIMPLE FUTURE</p>	<p>(e) It will snow tomorrow. (f) I will watch television tonight.</p>	<p>At one particular time in the future, this will happen.</p>

1-2 THE PROGRESSIVE TENSES*

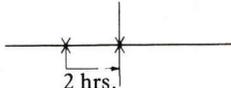
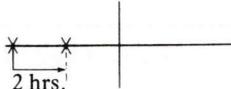
<p>Form: be + -ing (<i>present participle</i>)</p> <p>Meaning: The progressive tenses give the idea that an action is <i>in progress</i> during a particular time. The tenses say that an action <i>begins before</i>, <i>is in progress during</i>, and <i>continues after</i> another time or action.</p>		
<p>PRESENT PROGRESSIVE</p> 	<p>(a) He is sleeping right now.</p>	<p>He went to sleep at 10:00 tonight. It is now 11:00 and he is still asleep. His sleep began in the past, <i>is in progress at the present time</i>, and probably will continue.</p>
<p>PAST PROGRESSIVE</p> 	<p>(b) He was sleeping when I arrived.</p>	<p>He went to sleep at 10:00 last night. I arrived at 11:00. He was still asleep. His sleep began before and <i>was in progress at a particular time in the past</i>. It probably continued.</p>
<p>FUTURE PROGRESSIVE</p> 	<p>(c) He will be sleeping when we arrive.</p>	<p>He will go to sleep at 10:00 tomorrow night. We will arrive at 11:00. The action of sleeping will begin before we arrive and it <i>will be in progress at a particular time in the future</i>. Probably his sleep will continue.</p>

*The progressive tenses are also called the continuous tenses: *present continuous*, *past continuous*, and *future continuous*.

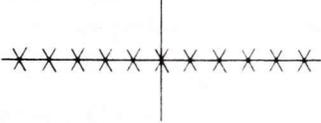
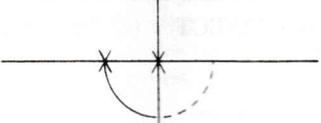
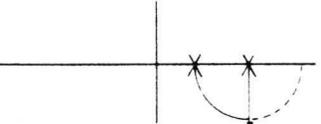
1-3 THE PERFECT TENSES

Form: have + <i>past participle</i> Meaning: The perfect tenses all give the idea that one thing <i>happens before</i> another time or event.		
PRESENT PERFECT  <p>(time?)</p>	(a) I have already eaten .	I <i>finished</i> eating some- time <i>before now</i> . The ex- act time is not impor- tant.
PAST PERFECT 	(b) I had already eaten when they arrived.	First I finished eating. Later they arrived. My eating was completely <i>finished before another time in the past.</i>
FUTURE PERFECT 	(c) I will already have eaten when they arrive.	First I will finish eating. Later they will arrive. My eating will be com- pletely <i>finished before an- other time in the future.</i>

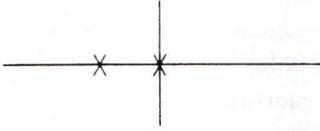
1-4 THE PERFECT PROGRESSIVE TENSES

<p>Form: have + been + -ing (present participle)</p> <p>Meaning: The perfect progressive tenses give the idea that one event is <i>in progress immediately before, up to, until another time or event</i>. The tenses are used to express the <i>duration</i> of the first event.</p>		
<p>PRESENT PERFECT PROGRESSIVE</p> 	<p>(a) I have been studying for two hours.</p>	<p>Event in progress: studying. When? <i>Before now, up to now.</i> How long? For two hours.</p>
<p>PAST PERFECT PROGRESSIVE</p> 	<p>(b) I had been studying for two hours before my friend came.</p>	<p>Event in progress: studying. When? <i>Before another event in the past.</i> How long? For two hours.</p>
<p>FUTURE PERFECT PROGRESSIVE</p> 	<p>(c) I will have been studying for two hours by the time you arrive.</p>	<p>Event in progress: studying. When? <i>Before another event in the future.</i> How long? For two hours.</p>

1-5 SUMMARY CHART OF VERB TENSES

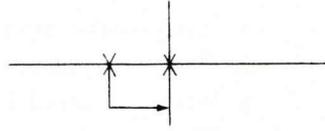
<p>SIMPLE PRESENT</p>  <p>The world is round. I study every day.</p>	<p>PRESENT PROGRESSIVE</p>  <p>I am studying right now.</p>
<p>SIMPLE PAST</p>  <p>I studied last night.</p>	<p>PAST PROGRESSIVE</p>  <p>I was studying when they came.</p>
<p>SIMPLE FUTURE</p>  <p>I will study tomorrow.</p>	<p>FUTURE PROGRESSIVE</p>  <p>I will be studying when you come.</p>

PRESENT PERFECT



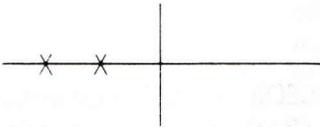
I have already **studied** Chapter One.

PRESENT PERFECT PROGRESSIVE



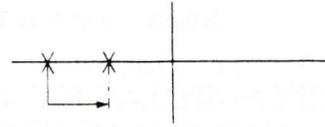
I **have been studying** for two hours.

PAST PERFECT



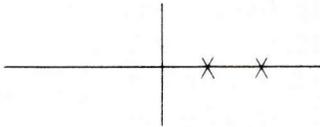
I **had** already **studied** Chapter One before I began to study Chapter Two.

PAST PERFECT PROGRESSIVE



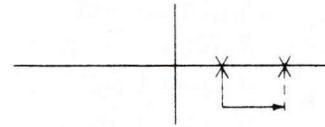
I **had been studying** for two hours before my friends came.

FUTURE PERFECT



I **will** already **have studied** Chapter Four before I study Chapter Five.

FUTURE PERFECT PROGRESSIVE



I **will have been studying** for two hours by the time you arrive.