



BITE SIZE ENGLISH VERB TENSES

Present simple tense

S+V+...

You speak English.

Do/Does +S+V?

Do you speak English?

S+do/does+NOT+V

You do not speak English.

Past simple

S+V+...

You spoke French in Canada.

Do/Does +S+V?

Did you speak French?

S+did+NOT+V

You didn't speak French in Canada.

Present perfect

S+Have/has+ Past Participle...

You have visited the U.S.

Have/Has +S+ Past Participle?

Have you visited the U.S.?

S+have/has+NOT+ Past Participle

You haven't visited the U.S.

Past perfect

S+Had+Past Participle...

He had broken it.

Had +S+ Past Participle?

Had he broken it?

S+had+not+Past Participle.

He hadn't broken it.

Future

S+WILL+Infinitive...

The dog will obey soon.

Will +S+Infinitive?

Will the dog obey soon?

S+will+NOT+Infinitive

The dog will not obey.

Conditional

S+would/should/could+ Infinitive...

Ben could arrive any minute if...

Could +S+Infinitive?

Could Ben arrive if...?

S+would/should/could+NOT+Infinitive

Ben couldn't arrive if...

Present continuous

S+be(am/is/are)+Ving

I am speaking.

Be(am/is/are)+ S+Ving

Are you speaking to me?

S+be(am/is/are)+NOT+Ving

You aren't speaking loudly enough.

Past continuous

S+be(was/were)+Ving

They were writing./He was writing.

Be(was/were)+ S+Ving

Were they writing?/Was he writing?

S+be(was/were)+NOT+Ving

They weren't writing./He wasn't writing.

Present perfect

S+Have/has+Been+Ving

She has been writing an e-mail.

Have/has+been+ S+Ving?

Has she been writing an e-mail?

S+Be(am/is/are)+NOT+Ving

She hasn't been writing.

Past perfect continuous

S+had+been+Ving

We had been sailing.

Had+S+been+Ving?

Had we been sailing?

S+had+NOT+beenVing

We had not been sailing.

Future continuous

S+will+be+Ving

Sam will be flying tomorrow.

Will+S+be+Ving

Will Sam be flying tomorrow?

S+Be(am/is/are)+NOT+Ving

Sam won't be flying tomorrow.

Conditional continuous

S+would/should/could+be+ Ving ...

He could be arriving on the late flight.

Would/should/could+S+be+Ving?

Would he be arriving on the late flight?

S+ would/should/could+NOT+be+Ving

He shouldn't be arriving on the late flight if...

Perfect Conditional

S+would/should/could+have+past participle

He could have arrived early if...

Would/should/could+S+have+past participle

Would he have arrived early if...?

S+would/should/could+NOT+have+past participle

He shouldn't have arrived early if the plane had taken off with such a large delay.

S+would/should/could+have+past participle+Ving

Sue would have been flying over Rome if...

Would/should/could+have+past participle+Ving

Would Sue have been flying over Rome if..?

S+would/should/could+NOT+have+past participle+Ving

Sue would not have been flying over Rome if she had missed the flight.

Present Infinitive / bare infinitive (without to: can)

To speak

Perfect Infinitive

To have spoken

Present Participle = gerund

Speaking

Perfect Participle

Having spoken