

Past Tense

In this tense action is over , And there we can use past form of verb. Weather the subject is singular or plural we must use past form of verb.

Rule

Subject + verb(past form) +Object or (complement)

Eg

- I **had** my lunch a while ago.
- All the children **laughed** for a few seconds.
- She **went** to church last evening
- She **carried** an umbrella.
- Sunil **bought** a car last week.
- I **finished** my work right now.

The past continuous tense.

In the past the action was been done.

Rule

Subject +Was (with singular subject) /Were (With plural subject) +verb (infinitive) + ing + object or (complement)

Eg

- She **was crying** bitterly.
- We **were not working** yesterday.
- A friend of mine **was talking** to her.
- She **was thinking** about me whole night.
- They **were singing** songs for musical show.
- It **was playing** with the ball .

The past Perfect Tense

Rule

Subject + had (past participle of has /have) + Verb (past participle) (complement)

- When we entered the cinema hall the film **had started**.
- I **had intended** to write to you but I was unable to do it.

- He **had given** money to the laborer in time.
- All the time he **had scolded** her.
- She **had finished** her meal.

The Past Perfect Continuous Tense

Rule

Subject + had + been+(verb+ing)+complement

Eg

- Tigers **had been fighting** against the government for fifteen years.
- The policeman asked me what we **had been doing** in the Galle face for a long time.
- Mr.Silva **had been working** in that office since 1990.
- He was very tired when he arrived home. He **had been working** all day.

Future Tense

The action will not be definitely. (some times happen/ Some times not happen)

Rule – Subject + will / shall +verb (infinitive)+object(complement)

But remember this ,With I and We can use shall.

But with I and we, we can use will also.

- I **will/shall write** a letter to my friend.
- We **will/Shall go** to temple tomorrow.
- He **will consult** a doctor.
- She **will go** to Japan.
- It **will eat** grass.
- They **will marry** next week.
- You **will go** to Homagama tomorrow.
- Nimal **will stay** with us tomorrow.

Going ,to

Rule

Subject +am(with I) /is(with singular noun or subject) /are(with plural noun) +going to +verb (infinitive) + object(complement)

Eg

- I'm **going to sleep** now.
- I m **going to be** a teacher of English.
- I m **going to build** a new house.
- She is **going to marry** on this month.
- He is **not going to be** there.
- I'm sure they are **going to do** it.
- I'm **going to meet** him at the air port at six am.
- I 'm **going to eat** now.
- I m **going to take** a shower now.

Future Continuous tense

Normally for continuous tense an action is being done in a period of time. When you use future continuous tense You expect the action may occur in a period of time.

Subject +Will be/shall be + verb+ ing +object(complement)

Eg

- She **will be playing** net ball.
- I **shall be having** my dinner.
- Mother **will be preparing** lunch at that time.
- When we go to the fair he **will be selling** fruits.

The future Perfect Tense

The action might have happened in the future

The action might have been happening in the future which might have started before the time of speaking

Rule

Subject+Will /have + verb (past participle)+ object(complement)

- They **will have finished** the work
- The bus **will have reached** Colombo by tonight
- He **will have white-washed** the whole house in the evening

The future Perfect continuous Tense

Eg

- By next January **I will have been teaching** in this school for ten years.
- We **shall have been walking** on this road when a bus came.