**Tenses / form of Verb**

There are three main verb tenses in English: present, past and future. The present, past and future tenses are divided into four aspects: the simple, progressive, perfect and perfect progressive. There are total 12 major verb tenses that English learners should know. By giving the examples are given below of 12 verb tenses using the verb eat.

**Simple Tenses**

We’ll start with the simple tenses. These are probably the first tenses you learned in English. Simple tenses usually refer to a single action. In general, simple tenses express facts and situations that existed in the past, exist in the present, or will exist in the future.

• Simple present: I eat pizza every day.

• Simple past: I ate pizza yesterday.

• Simple future: I will eat pizza later/tomorrow.

**Progressive (Continuous) Tenses**

Let’s go on to the progressive tenses. We use progressive tenses to talk about unfinished events. Progressive tenses are also called continuous tenses.

• Present progressive: I am eating pizza right now.

• Past progressive: I was eating pizza when you arrived.

• Future progressive: I will be eating pizza when you arrive.

**Perfect Tenses**

Now let’s look at the perfect tenses. Perfect tenses simply, express the idea that one event happens before another event. The adverbs never, yet and already are common in perfect tenses.

• Present perfect: I have eaten all of the pizza.

• Past perfect: I had eaten all of the pizza when you arrived.

• Future perfect: I will have eaten all of the pizza till the time you arrive.

**Perfect Progressive Tenses**

Finally, let’s look at the perfect progressive tenses. Generally, perfect progressive tenses express duration, or how long? Perfect progressive tenses usually include the adverbs for or since.

• Present perfect progressive: I have been eating pizza for two hours.

• Past perfect progressive: I had been eating pizza for two hours when you arrived.

• Future perfect progressive: I will have been eating pizza for two hours when you arrive.

**Exercise 1**

Fill in the present tense simple.

1. They \_\_\_\_\_ about his Ipod. (talk)

2. Mary \_\_\_\_\_\_ stamps. (collect)

3. Tom and sue \_\_\_\_\_\_ two T-shirts.(buy)

4. we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ behind s tree. (Hide)

5. The children \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the garden. (play)

6. She \_\_\_\_\_\_ my pencil. (borrow)

7. My mother \_\_\_\_\_\_\_shopping every Friday. (go)

8. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_my name. (call)

9. They always\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the first rom. (Sit)

10. Ken and Sam \_\_\_\_\_\_\_stamps. (collect)

11. Carol \_\_\_\_\_\_ goodbye. (say)

12. She usually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_tom with the homework. (help)

13. He \_\_\_\_\_\_ in a big house. (live)

14. The girls \_\_\_\_\_ up. (stand)

15. Bill \_\_\_\_\_\_ going shopping. (like)

**Exercise 2**

Complete the sentence by using is, am and are.

1. Mr. Cooper \_\_\_\_\_\_in the house.

2. The dog and the cat \_\_\_\_\_\_in the garden.

3. The woman \_\_\_\_\_\_behind a tree.

4. Peter \_\_\_\_a clever boy.

5. I \_\_\_\_\_ kelvin.

6. Mr. Baker and I \_\_\_\_\_ friends.

7. It \_\_\_\_\_ time for dinner.

8. My name \_\_\_\_Caroline.

9. My rabbit and my cat \_\_\_\_ friends.

10. They \_\_\_\_\_very nice animals.

**Exercise 3**

Put the sentences into negation. Use short forms (doesn't, don't)

(I / you / we / they - do / don't. And he / she / it - does / doesn't)

Example: I am hungry. - I'm not hungry.

1. I like good books. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_bad books.

2. We live in a big city. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_in a big city.

3. I can play the guitar. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_the guitar.

4. They are cool. They \_\_\_\_\_cool.

5. We are pen friends. We\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pen friends.

6. The parrot eats apples. The parrot \_\_\_\_\_\_\_apples.

7. She is Austrian. She\_\_\_\_\_ Austrian.

8. Brad listens to the radio. Brad \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to the radio.

9. Elephants eat grass. Elephants \_\_\_\_\_\_\_meat.

10. I am good at school. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_good at school.

11. They go to school by bus. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to school by bus.

12. Henry does his homework. Henry \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_his homework.

13. Simon reads comics. Simon \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_comics.

14. Sally smokes. Sally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

15. They can dance. They \_\_\_\_\_\_ dance.