

# TENSES

➤ There are three tenses :

The Present Tense

The Past Tense

The Future Tense.

⊙ Each of the three tenses has four forms or subdivisions to show continuity or completeness of the action and time. These are :

1. Indefinite
2. Continuous or Imperfect
3. Perfect
4. Perfect Continuous

- The **Indefinite Tense** does not indicate whether the action is complete or not.
- The **Continuous (Imperfect) Tense** that the action is still going on.
- The **Perfect Tense** indicates that the action is complete , finished or perfect.
- The **Perfect Continuous Tense** indicates that the action began in the past and is still continuing.

Tense	Indefinite	Continuous	Perfect	Perfect Continuous
Present	Play (s)	Is / Am / Are Playing	Has / Have Played	Has / Have been Playing
Past	Played	Was / Were Playing	Had Played	Had been Playing
Future	Will / Shall Play	Will / Shall be Playing	Will / Shall Have Played	Will / Shall have been Playing