

# BEST ENGLISH HACKS – THE TENSES



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## Twelve different tenses

Jamaine talked about twelve different tenses. Do you remember what they were called? It's not easy! But try to remember the three different times Jamaine mentioned. Write them in the blue boxes to the left. There are a few words to give you a hint.

TIMES	SIMPLE	PERFECT	CONTINUOUS	PERFECT CONTINUOUS
(Hint: yesterday)				
(Hint: today)				
(Hint: tomorrow)				

## Sort the sentences

When you have filled out the words in the blue boxes, work with a friend and try to put these sentences in the right places in the grid above. (There will be two sentences in one of the boxes.)

1. I am playing chess
2. I had been playing
3. I had played
4. I have been playing
5. I have played
6. I play chess
7. I played
8. I was playing
9. I will be playing
10. I will have been playing
11. I will have played
12. I will play
13. I'm going to play



## Discuss

Discuss these things with a friend!

- Which of these tenses are most used?
- Which ones are more unusual?
- Do we really need all these different tenses? Why? Why not?
- Do we have the same tenses in Swedish? How would you translate the sentences from the grid?

## Your own examples

Try to figure out a few examples of your own to put in the grid below! Try to use another person instead of "I" as well. You could watch an episode of Best Friends for a Day or listen to one of the podcasts in It's Complicated to find examples.

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## Key

	simple	perfect	continuous	perfect continuous
past	I played	I had played	I was playing	I had been playing
present	I play chess	I have played	I am playing chess	I have been playing
future	I will play I'm going to play	I will have played	I will be playing	I will have been playing

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