TENSES INFOGRAPHICS
**ALWAYS TRUE**
Two and two make four.

**PERMANENT SITUATIONS**
I live in London.

**SHORT ACTIONS NOW**
He takes the ball and scores a goal!

**HABITS**
She plays tennis every Tuesday.
Use with: twice a month, on Fridays, often, sometimes.

**PRESENT**

**FUTURE**

**FUTURE TIMETABLES**
Our train leaves at 11am.
Use with: this evening, at 10 o'clock, tomorrow.

**FUTURE IN TIME CLAUSES**
I won't go out until it stops raining.
Use with: until, when, as soon as, after, before.
UNFINISHED ACTIONS NOW
I'm working at the moment.
Use with: now, at the moment.

TEMPORARY SITUATIONS
I'm living in London.
Use with: at the moment, for a few weeks, for a couple of months.

TEMPORARY HABITS
He's eating a lot these days.
Use with: at the moment, these days.

ANNOYING HABITS
You're forever losing your keys!
Use with: always, forever, constantly.

DEFINITE FUTURE PLANS
I'm meeting my father tomorrow.
Use with: tomorrow, later, at 7pm tonight, on Tuesday.
PRESENT
PERFECT SIMPLE

HOW LONG
I've known Karen since 1994.
She's lived in London for three years.
Use with: since 2010, since July,
for ten years, for three days.

FINISHED

UNFINISHED TIME WORD
I haven't seen her this month.
Use with: this week, today, this
month, this year.

LIFE EXPERIENCE
I've been to Tokyo.
Use with: ever, never.

PRESENT RESULT
I've lost my keys (so I can't get into my house).

UNFINISHED

NEWS / RECENT EVENTS
The Queen has given a speech.
Use with: just / yet / already / recently.
PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

HOW LONG
I've been living in London for two years. She's been working here since 2004.

Use with: since 2010, since July, for ten years, for three days.

PRESENT RESULT
I've been working (that’s why I'm tired).

TEMPORARY SITUATIONS
I've been going to the gym a lot recently.

Use with: recently.
FINISHED TIME WORD
I went to the cinema yesterday.
Use with: yesterday, last night, in 2003, 6 months ago.

FINISHED TIME PERIOD
Leonardo painted the Mona Lisa.

DETAILS OF NEWS
I’ve hurt my leg. I fell off a ladder.
Use with: the present perfect.

PAST SIMPLE

PAST

PRESENT / FUTURE

UNREAL / IMAGINARY THINGS
If I won the lottery, I would buy a house.
Use with: wish, it’s time, second conditional.
OVERLAPPING ACTION
I was walking to the station when I met John.
Use with: when + past simple, two o'clock, 7pm.

STORY BACKGROUND
The birds were singing and the sun was shining. Amy sat down.
Use with: the past simple.

SOME PAST HABITS
She was constantly singing.
Use with: always, forever, constantly, at that time, in those days.

PAST CONTINUOUS

EMPHASIS OF LENGTH OF ACTION
I was working in the garden all day.
Use with: all day, all evening, for hours.
**ACTION FINISHED BEFORE ANOTHER PAST ACTION**
When we arrived, the film had started.
Use with: when + past simple, June, last Tuesday.

**HOW LONG TO A POINT IN THE PAST**
When he graduated, he had been in London for six years.
Use with: when + past simple, for + time.

**PAST PERFECT**

**UNREAL THINGS IN THE PAST**
I wish I hadn't gone to bed so late!
Use with: third conditionals, wish.
PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS

HOW LONG TO A POINT IN THE PAST

She had been working at that company for a year when she met James.

Use with: when + past simple, for + time.

RESULT AT A TIME IN THE PAST

The pavement was wet. It had been raining.

Use with: the past simple.
**FUTURE PREDICTION**
The sun will rise at 7 am.
I think the Conservatives will win the next election.

**PROMISES / REQUESTS / REFUSALS / OFFERS**
I'll help you with your homework.

**FUTURE CONDITIONALS**
If it doesn't rain, we'll go to the park.
Use with: the first conditional.

**FUTURE SIMPLE**

**PLANS AND INTENTIONS**
A: We've run out of milk.
B: I know. I'm going to buy some.

**FUTURE PREDICTION**
The sky is getting darker and darker. It's going to rain.
FUTURE CONTINUOUS

OVERLAPPING ACTION

I'll be waiting when you arrive.

Use with: when + present simple, at 8pm.

FUTURE AS A MATTER OF COURSE

The government will be making a statement later.

Use with: later, tonight, next week on the 2nd of September.
HOW LONG TO A POINT IN THE FUTURE

When we get married, I'll have known Robert for four years.

Use with: when + present simple, by the time + present simple, for + time.

FUTURE PERFECT SIMPLE

ACTION FINISHED BEFORE A POINT IN THE FUTURE

By ten o'clock, I will have finished my homework.

Use with: by three o'clock, by Friday, when + present simple, by the time + present simple.
HOW LONG TO A POINT IN THE FUTURE

In April, she will have been teaching for twelve years.

Use with: when + present simple, by the time + present simple, for + time.

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FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS

ACTION FINISHED BEFORE A POINT IN THE FUTURE

When I see you, I'll have been studying, so I'll be tired.

Use with: when + present simple, by the time + present simple.