



# THE ENGLISH TENSES



## PAST

### Simple Past

I won the match yesterday.

verb + ed or irregular past form

signal words: yesterday, last year / month, four weeks ago ...



## PRESENT

### Simple Present

I often walk to school.

infinitive

signal words: usually, sometimes, often, never, always, every week, rarely, once a day

She walks to school.

he / she / it: verb + s



## FUTURE

### Will Future

I will help you tomorrow.

will / won't + infinitive

signal words: tomorrow, probably, on Saturday...



### Past Progressive

I was drinking tea (when we met).

was / were + verb + ing

signal words: when, while, as



### Present Progressive

He is playing football.

am / is / are + verb + ing

signal words: now, at the moment



### Going-To Future

We are going to fly to Italy in summer.

am / is / are + going to + infinitive



### Past Perfect

He had eaten (before we started studying).

had + past participle

signal words: after, nearly, never, already, by, just



### Present Perfect

I have never broken my leg.

have / has + past participle

signal words: just, never, yet, not ... yet, already, so far

