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TENSES

Subj +	Tense Rules				Obj...
	Simple Forms	Progressive Forms	Perfect Forms	Perfect Progressive Forms	
Present	Ist form + s / es	am / is / are + Ist form + ing	have / has + IIIrd form	have / has been + Ist form + ing	
Past	IInd form	was / were + Ist form + ing	had + IIIrd form	had been + Ist form + ing	
Future	will / shall + Ist form	will be + Ist form + ing	will have + IIIrd form	will have been + Ist form + ing	

SIMPLE PRESENT:

SENTENCE STRUCTURE: $S+V+O$

1. Sun rises in the east.
2. If winter comes can spring be for behind.
3. A rolling stone gathers no mass.
4. The future is bleak to many young man.
5. Is there any mail for me today?

PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE

SENTENCE STRUCTURE: $S+am/is/are+(V+ing)+O$

1. The children are just having their breakfast.
2. We are going to Bombay next week.
3. They are leaving for the USA on Sunday.
4. The PM is coming to Chennai next Saturday.
5. When are you going to have your hair.

6. You are always making trouble.
7. I am getting up at 5'0 clock this week.
8. Students are playing football.
9. Micheal is enjoying with surya's movie.
10. They are preparing for the exam.

PRESENT PERFECT:

SENTENCE STRUCTURE: *S+has/have+ (V+past participle) +O*

1. She has just bought (just buy) a typewriter.
2. My friends have left (leave),but I have decided (decide) to stay.
3. They do not trust him since he has cheated(cheat) them.
4. I have done (do) my best and the rest is god's will.
5. Many have certified (certify) that he is good cook.
6. We have prepared (prepare) well for the annual examination.
7. I have never seen (never see) such a mess in all my life.

PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS:

SENTENCE STRUCTURE: *S+has/have been+ (V+ing) +O*

1. We have been living here (live) since 1972.
2. I am sorry you have been looking(look) at the wrong side of the picture.
3. I have been standing(stand) in the hot sun for half an hour.
4. You have been avoiding(avoid) me for the past one month.
5. How long have you been wearing(wear) glasses?
6. That light has been burning(burn) all night.
7. He has been working(work) in bombay for 15 years.

SIMPLE PAST TENSE

SENTENCE STRUCTURE: *S+V+O*

1. He entered a room, took (take) off his coat and smiled at the guest.
2. The voice held (hold) the iron red firmly.
3. The liquid froze (freeze) at -15c as expected.
4. We went (go) to Mysore last week.

5. She worked (work) in GH for 10 years.

PAST CONTINUOUS

SENTENCE STRUCTURE: *S+was/were+(V+ing)+O*

1. I was having (have) many friends at college.
2. I was reading (read) the novel when Ram came.
3. It was raining (rain) heavily, while he was passing through the garden.
4. The election was repair (repair) the faulty cable.
5. The blockage was stopped (stop) the water from flowing freely.
6. I was watching (watch) TV when she called.

PAST PERFECT TENSE

SENTENCE STRUCTURE: *S+had+ (V+past participle) +O*

1. He had studied (study) English before he moved to New York.
2. I had never seen (see) such a beautiful beach before I went to Kouai.
3. I did not have any money because I had lost (lose) the wallet.
4. He had spent (spend) three years in Tahit when he was a child.
5. She only understands the movie because she had read (read) the book.
6. I had written (write) a long letter to my mother yesterday.
7. I met (meet) him in New Delhi.

PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE

SENTENCE STRUCTURE: *S+had been+ (V+ing) +O*

1. The new machine had been running (run) for an hour when it started raining.
2. How long the player had been played (play) before he scored a fifty.
3. It is already 9.30 pm and I had been waiting (wait) here for an hour Jason was tired because he had been exercising (exercise).
4. Sam gained weight because he had been eating (eat).

SIMPLE FUTURE:

SENTENCE STRUCTURE: *S+will/shall+V+O*

1. It will /shall rain (rain) tomorrow.
2. The teacher will be (be) on leave next week.
3. She will send (send) a gift for my next birthday.

4. The doctor will perform (perform) the operation tomorrow.
5. They will get (get) married next year.
6. They will arrive (arrive) in an hour.
7. America will wage a war next year.

FUTURE CONTINUOUS TENSE:

SENTENCE STRUCTURE: *S+will be+ (V+ing)+O*

1. My mother will be cooking (cook) in the kitchen, when I go home.
2. Her father will be travelling (travel) in first class compartment tomorrow.
3. The prime minister will be going (go) abroad next month.
4. We will be learning (learn) English from next day.
5. You will be living in London soon.
6. I will be reading (read) a play tonight.

FUTURE PERFECT TENSE

SENTENCE STRUCTURE: *S+will have+ (V+past participle) +O*

1. By this time, next year I will have prepared (prepare) to go abroad.
2. They will have graduated (graduate) by July 2008.
3. I will have retired (retire) by the end of the year.
4. We will have returned (return) home by 5'o' clock.
5. By tomorrow, their life will have changed (change) completely.

FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE

SENTENCE STRUCTURE: *S+will have been+ (V+ing) +O*

6. By July 2009, they will have been working (work) for this organization for three years.
7. The new factory will have been running (run) in this company for six years.
8. I (work) here for ten years next week.
9. He will have been talking (talk) for over an hour by the time Thomas arrives.
10. By the next November I will have been working (work) in this company for ten years.
11. He will be tired when he arrives. He will have been traveling (travel) for 24 hrs.
12. He will be tired because he will have been exercising (exercise) so hard.

EXERCISE:

I. Read the following sentences and change the tenses as per the given directions.

1. I will be writing my exam this time tomorrow. (Change into past continuous tense)
2. He will be waiting for us. (Change into present continuous tense)
3. I know this. (Change into simple past)
4. He will have thought about this. (Change into present perfect tense)
5. He wanted to know more about the job. (Change into simple present)
6. I am leaving for England tomorrow. (Change into future continuous tense)
7. She hadn't thought about that. (Change into simple past)
8. He will not accept this proposal. (Change into simple past)
9. He will not pass the test. (Change into future perfect tense)
10. I always wanted to be a scientist. (Change into present perfect tense)
11. She will not tolerate this injustice. (Change into simple past)
12. She did not want to go. (Change into simple present)

Answers

1. I was writing my exam this time yesterday.
2. He is waiting for us.
3. I knew this.
4. He has thought about this.

5. He wants to know more about the job.
6. I will be leaving for England tomorrow.
7. She didn't think about that.
8. He did not accept this proposal.
9. He will not have passed the test.
10. I have always wanted to be a scientist.
11. She did not tolerate that injustice.
12. She does not want to go.

II. Rewrite the following sentences using the tense indicated in the brackets.

1. He will do his work with diligence. (Simple present)
2. I followed his instructions. (Simple future)
3. That will be interesting. (Present continuous)
4. I will not allow this to happen. (Simple past)
5. My trip to the USA was successful. (Simple present)
6. He worked very hard. (Future continuous)
7. I will never raise any demand. (Present perfect)
8. He walked out of the room without looking at anybody. (Simple future)
9. He is crying at the top of his voice. (Past perfect)
10. Great deeds were never done by small men. (Simple present)
11. I will never have betrayed my country. (Simple future)
12. John broke his leg. (Present perfect)
13. I know it is not the right thing to do. (Simple past)
14. We buy vegetables from the market. (Present perfect)

ANSWERS:

1. He will do his work with diligence. (Simple present)

He does his work with diligence.

2. I followed his instructions. (Simple future)

I shall follow his instructions.

3. That will be interesting. (Present continuous)

That is being (becoming) interesting.

4. I will not allow this to happen. (Simple past)

I allowed this to happen.

5. My trip to the USA was successful. (Simple present)

My trip to the USA is successful.

6. He worked very hard. (Future continuous)

He will be working very hard.

7. I will never raise any demand. (Present perfect)

I have never raised any demand.

8. He walked out of the room without looking at anybody. (Simple future)

He will walk out of the room without looking at anybody.

9. He is crying at the top of his voice. (Past perfect)

He had cried at the top of her voice.

10. Great deeds were never done by small men. (Simple present)

Great deeds are never done by small men.

11. I will never have betrayed my country. (Simple future)

I shall never betray my country.

12. John broke his leg. (Present perfect)

John has broken his leg.

13. I know it is not the right thing to do. (Simple past)

I knew it was not the right thing to do.

14. We buy vegetables from the market. (Present perfect)

We have bought vegetables from the market.