

English Tenses

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Present and Future

Simple

They **ate** breakfast this morning.
I **didn't play** the drums yesterday.
Did you **live** in England last year?

They **eat** breakfast.
I **don't play** the drums.
Do you **live** in England?



be -ing Progressive

They **were eating** breakfast.
I **wasn't playing** the drums.
Were you **living** in England then?

They **are eating** breakfast.
I'm **not playing** the drums.
Are you **living** in England now?



have -en Perfect

They **had eaten** breakfast.
I **hadn't played** the drums that day.
Had you **lived** in England before?

They **have eaten** breakfast.
I **haven't played** the drums today.
Have you **lived** in England?



will Future / Conditional Simple

They **would eat** breakfast, but they're not hungry.
If I was in a band, I **wouldn't play** the drums.
Would you **live** in England?

They **will eat** breakfast.
I **won't play** the drums.
Will you **live** in England?



have been -ing Perfect Progressive

They **had been eating** breakfast for an hour.
I had some new drums but I **hadn't been playing** them.
Had you **been living** in England long when you met your wife?

They **have been eating** breakfast for an hour.
I **haven't been playing** the drums recently.
Have you **been living** in England long?



will be -ing Future / Conditional Progressive

I thought they **would be eating** breakfast now.
It was decided: I **wouldn't be playing** the drums at the concert.
Would you **be living** in England if you could?

They **will be eating** breakfast now.
I **won't be playing** the drums at the concert.
Will you **be living** in England then?



will have -en Future / Conditional Perfect

I thought they **would have** already **eaten** breakfast.
I **wouldn't have played** the drums if I knew how loud they were.
If they offered you a job there, **would** you **have lived** in England?

They **will have** already **eaten** breakfast.
I **won't have played** the drums before next rehearsal.
When you're 40, **will** you **have lived** in England?



will have been -ing Future / Conditional Perfect Progressive

They **would have been eating** breakfast for an hour.
I **wouldn't have been playing** the drums at the concert, if I hadn't practiced.
Would you **have been living** in England then?

They **will have been eating** breakfast for an hour.
I **won't have been playing** the drums, I'll be too busy.
Will you **have been living** in England long?