

	Past	Present	Future
Simple	<p><b>I ate</b> pizza yesterday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to indicate a habit <u>that occurred in the past</u> or an action already <u>completed</u>.</li> <li>can be used with or without time references.</li> <li>talking about actions that happened one after another</li> <li>Signal words: last.../...ago/ in 1990/ yesterday</li> </ul>	<p><b>I eat</b> pizza everyday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to express a general truth or a habit that occurs everyday</li> <li>to indicate a future event on a designated date as part of a timetable or schedule: <i>The train <b>leaves</b> tomorrow at 8 am.</i></li> <li>state verbs: like, love, want, need, believe, belong, prefer, understand, wish, matter</li> <li>stative vs. active meaning: be, think, taste, smell, feel, weigh, depend</li> <li>Adverbs of frequency: always/often/seldom/everyday/ twice a week</li> </ul>	<p><b>I will eat</b> pizza tomorrow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To indicate an action, condition or circumstance which has not <u>yet</u> occurred, but will or not occur in the future.</li> <li>spontaneous decision</li> <li>to predict the future: <i>I <b>think</b>, I <b>assume</b> that it <b>will</b> rain tomorrow. <u>Perhaps</u> she <b>will</b> be late.</i></li> </ul>
Continuous	<p><b>I was eating</b> pizza when you arrived.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To indicate unfinished action of the past (<u>with or without time reference</u>)</li> <li>To indicate persistent habits of the past</li> <li>Actions taking place at the same time: <i>I <b>was eating</b> pizza while my aunt was sleeping.</i></li> <li>Action in the past that is interrupted by another action: <i>I <b>was reading</b> a book when my aunt <b>fell</b> out of the window</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>I am eating</b> pizza right now.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To indicate action going on at the time of speaking e.g.: <i>Look! The boys <b>are playing</b> football.</i></li> <li>To indicate temporary (suspended) action which may not be happening at the time of speaking: <i>We <b>are studying</b> very hard <u>these days</u>. We have to prepare for our exams.</i></li> <li>Action arranged for the future: <i>On Saturday I <b>am meeting</b> my friend.</i></li> <li>Describing change and development: <b>More and more</b> people are smoking these days!</li> <li>Signal words: now, at the moment, these days/ this morning, look!/listen!</li> </ul>	<p><b>I will be eating</b> pizza when you arrive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To indicate what will be going on at some time in the future. The action will start before that moment but it <u>will not have finished</u> at that moment: <i>I <b>will be playing</b> tennis at 10 am tomorrow./This time on Sunday, I'll <b>be standing</b> on the platform and waiting for my sister.</i></li> <li>To indicate planned future events.</li> <li>Signal words: at 5 o'clock tomorrow, this time on...</li> </ul>
Perfect	<p><b>I had eaten</b> all of the pizza when you arrived.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To indicate a completed action in the past that happened <u>before</u> another action took place</li> <li>The action that happened before, always gets <u>had + past participle</u>: <i>She <b>had finished</b> her job when he <b>arrived</b>.</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>I have eaten</b> all of the pizza.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To talk about completed action connected with the present: <i>I <b>have seen</b> this film and I can discuss it with you now.</i></li> <li>To indicate action that happened in the past and has continued up until now. The <u>result matters</u> not the time: <i>I <b>have lost</b> my keys. I can't open the door. That's why questions <u>never</u> start with when: When <b>did</b> you see it?</i></li> <li>When using: <i>this morning/evening, today, this week</i> (the time periods are <u>not finished</u> at the time of speaking: <i>What <b>have you eaten</b> <u>this morning</u>? (It is still morning), Have you called your mother <u>today</u>? (It is still today)</i></li> <li>Signal words: yet, already, lately</li> </ul>	<p><b>I will have eaten</b> all of the pizza by the time you arrive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To indicate that the action will be completed before another event takes place: <i>She <b>will have finished</b> by 2 o'clock <u>tomorrow</u>. The film <b>will have already started</b> by the time we come. Hurry up!</i></li> <li>Signal words: by this time tomorrow, by 2 o'clock tomorrow</li> </ul>

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"><b>Perfect Continuous</b></p>	<p><b>I had been eating</b> pizza for 2 hours when you arrived.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To indicate an action which started before a definite moment in the past, continued up to that moment and was still going on at the moment: <i>We could not go out because it <b>had been raining for two hours.</b></i></li> <li>• Denotes an action which was no longer going on at a definite moment in the past, but which had been in progress not long before: <i>The baby's face was red an wet. He <b>had been crying.</b></i></li> </ul>	<p><b>I have been eating</b> pizza for two hours.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To indicate an action which started at some point in the past and may or may not be complete yet.</li> <li>• To say how long things have been taking place: <i>I <b>have been learning</b> English <u>for six years.</u></i> <i>It <b>has been raining</b> <u>all day.</u></i></li> <li>• To say how we have been filling our time (up till now).: <i>Your hands are dirty!</i> <i>I <b>have been painting.</b></i></li> <li>• <i>I haven't seen him <b>for 3 days/years</b>(continuous time ref.)</i> <i>I haven't seen him <b>since Monday/August</b> (point in time)</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>I will have been eating</b> pizza for two hours when you arrive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To indicate an action that will have happened for some time and will not be complete yet at a certain point in the future.</li> <li>• Denotes an action which will begin in the future, will continue up to the moment and will be going on at that moment: <i>In the autumn I <b>will have been studying</b> here <u>for 2 years.</u></i> <i>By this time next week they <b>will have been travelling</b> for 9 months.</i></li> </ul>
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