





Aspect and Voice Chart

			Tense		
			Past	Present	Future
	Simple	tensed helping verb + action verb	Verb+ed, or irr. verb* Was/were	verb/verb+s Is, am, are	Will + verb Will be
Aspect	Progressive (emphasizes ongoing action)	"tensed" be + verb+ing	Was/were walking	Am/is/are walking	Will be walking
	Perfect Progressive (emphasizes duration of action)	"tensed" have + been + verb+ing	Had been walking	Has/have been walking	Will have been walking
	Perfect (emphasizes completed-ness)	"tensed" have + verb+ed*	Had helped Had given*	Had/has helped Has/have given*	Will have helped Will have given*
Voice	Passive verb acts ON the subject or to emphasize the object	"tensed" be + verb+ed,*	Was helped Was given*	Is/am/are helped Is/am/are given*	Will be helped Will be given*

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*for irregular verbs, verb will not look like verb+ed

