





Aspect and Voice Chart

| | | | Tense | | |
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| | | | 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

