

	Auxiliary Verb	Participle	Time of Action
Simple Present <i>Johnny writes long letters.</i>			Action taking place in the present
Present Perfect <i>Johnny has arrived in town.</i>	<i>have, has</i>	Past Participle <i>(d, -ed, -n, -en form of verb)</i>	Action completed at an indefinite past time
Present Progressive <i>Johnny is planning a big wedding.</i>	<i>is, am, are</i>	Present participle <i>(-ing form of verb)</i>	Action in the present which may continue in the future
Present Perfect Progressive <i>Johnny has been dating my best friend.</i>	<i>have been, has been</i>	Present participle <i>(-ing form of verb)</i>	Action that began in the past, continues in the present, & may continue in the future
Simple Past <i>I wrote another novel.</i>			Action that took place in the past
Past Perfect <i>I had written two novels before this one.</i>	<i>had</i>	Past Participle <i>(d, -ed, -n, -en form of verb)</i>	Action completed in the past prior to some other action.
Past Progressive <i>We were traveling for pure enjoyment.</i>	<i>was, were</i>	Present Participle <i>(-ing form of verb)</i>	Action which took place totally in the past

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Past Perfect Progressive <i>Until my publisher called, I had been making excuses about finishing my manuscript.</i>	<i>had been</i>	Present Participle <i>(-ing form of verb)</i>	Past, ongoing action that was completed prior to another action
Simple Future <i>I will attend my class reunion.</i>	<i>will</i>		Begins in the future
Future Perfect <i>By the time I graduate, I will have written my first play.</i>	<i>will have</i>	Past Participle <i>(d, -ed, -n, -en form of verb)</i>	Action completed in the future prior to another action
Future Progressive <i>I will be teaching classes on writing.</i>	<i>will be, shall be</i>	Present Participle <i>(-ing form of verb)</i>	An ongoing action in the future
Future Perfect Progressive <i>By next year, I will have been writing books for twelve years.</i>	<i>will have been</i>	Present Participle <i>(-ing form of verb)</i>	An ongoing act in the future that will occur before a specified time