

Verb Tenses You Should Know

Chapter 8

“Future”		I am going to buy shoes.	Voy a comprar zapatos.
Present		I buy shoes.	Compro zapatos.
Present perfect	Recently completed.	I have bought shoes.	He comprado zapatos.
Preterite	At a specific time in the past	I bought shoes.	Compré zapatos.
Imperfect	Habitual or continuous actions in the past	I used to buy shoes.	Compraba zapatos.
Pluperfect	Past action that happened before another action.	I had bought shoes.	Yo había comprado zapatos.
Present progressive	is _____-ing	I am buying shoes.	Estoy comprando zapatos.
Imperfect progressive	was _____ - ing	I was buying shoes.	Estaba comprando zapatos.

Practice: Translate to Spanish.

You are going to write a book.

You write a book.

You have written a book.

You wrote a book. (once)

You wrote books. (repeated)

You had written a book.

You are writing a book.

You were writing a book.

We are going to eat.

We eat.

We have eaten.

We ate.

We ate.

We had eaten.

We are eating.

We were writing.

I am going to work.	“FUTURE” TENSE	yo	tú	él, Ud.	nosotros	ellos, Uds.
	ir a + infinitive	voy a __	vas a ____	va a ____	vamos a __	van a ____

I work	PRESENT TENSE	yo	tú	él, Ud.	nosotros	ellos, Uds.
	-ar	-o	-as	-a	-amos	-an
	-er	-o	-es	-e	-emos	-en
	-ir	-o	-es	-e	-imos	-en

I have worked. (recently)	PRESENT PERFECT	yo	tú	él, Ud.	nosotros	ellos, Uds.
	haber + past participle	he __	has __	ha __	hemos __	han __

I worked. (specific time)	PRETERITE	yo	tú	él, Ud.	nosotros	ellos, Uds.
	-ar	-é	-aste	-ó	-amos	-aron
	-er, -ir	-í	-iste	-ió	-imos	-ieron

I worked. (continual)	IMPERFECT	yo	tú	él, Ud.	nosotros	ellos, Uds.
	-ar	-aba	-abas	-aba	-ábamos	-aban
	-er, -ir	-ía	-ías	-ía	-íamos	-ían

I had worked.	PLUPERFECT	yo	tú	él, Ud.	nosotros	ellos, Uds.
	haber + past participle	había __	habías __	había __	habíamos __	habían __

PRESENT PROGRESSIVE	yo	tú	él, Ud.	nosotros	ellos, Uds.
estar + progressive tense	estoy __	estás __	está __	estamos __	están __

PAST PROGRESSIVE	yo	tú	él, Ud.	nosotros	ellos, Uds.
estar + progressive tense	estaba __	estabas __	estaba __	estábamos __	estaban __

PAST PARTICIPLES

- ar -ado
- er -ido
- ir -ido

PAST PARTICIPLES

- ar -ado
- er -ido
- ir -ido

PROGRESSIVE

- ar -ando
- er -iendo
- ir -iendo

