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| | TENSE NAME | SENTENCE STRUCTURE (Formula) | EXAMPLE | USAGE IN SPEECH | |
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| PRESENT PERFECT TENSES |  Present Perfect  | Sub + have/has + V3 | I have visited Delhi.  | Result matters now / Life experience. Connection to the Present. Action done, result relevant now. | Memory Trick: Focus on the NOW |
| |  Present Perfect Continuous | Sub + have/has + been + V-ing | I have been working all day.  | Started in past , still continuing . Emphasizes duration or ongoing action. | Memory Trick: Ongoing Duration |
| PAST PERFECT TENSES | Past Perfect  | Sub + had + V3 | I had eaten before he came.  | Action before another past action. The First of Two Past Actions. | Memory Trick: Past BEFORE Past |
| | Past Perfect Continuous  | Sub + had been + V-ing | She had been teaching for 5 years.  | Duration before a past action. Describes action continued up until a past point or cause of a past situation. | Memory Trick: Duration in the Past |
| FUTURE PERFECT TENSES | Future Perfect  | Sub + will have + V3 | She will have finished by tonight.  | Completed before a future time. Finished Before a Future Deadline. | Memory Trick: Look Back from Future |
| | Future Perfect Continuous  | Sub + will have been + V-ing | They will have been living here for a decade by next years.  | Duration until a future point. Highlights how long an action will have been continuing. | Memory Trick: Future Duration |

MEMORY TIPS FOR BEGINNERS



The "Perfect" Rule: 'Perfect' always implies a connection to a completed action or a result.



The "Continuous" Rule: 'Continuous' always implies an ongoing action or a focus on duration (how long).



The Perfect-Continuous Combo: Combined, it describes an action that is both completed in its start but ongoing in its timeframe.