

# REVISION OF TENSES

# SIMPLE PRESENT (PRESENT SIMPLE)

The simple present tense has the same form as the infinitive except in the third person singular in which an *-(e)s* is added to a verb.

Affirmative: I **play** ... ; She **plays** ...

Negative: I **do** not (**don't**) **play** ...; She **does** not (**doesn't**) **play** ...

Interrogative: **Do** I **play** ...?; **Does** she **play** ...?

## Used with the following time adverbials:

sometimes, always, often, never, every day,  
every week, every Wednesday, every  
month, every year, every ...

# PRESENT PROGRESSIVE (PRESENT CONTINUOUS)

The present progressive tense is formed with the present tense of the auxiliary verb *to be* and the present participle (the infinitive + *-ing*) of the main verb.

Affirmative: I **am** playing ... ; She **is** playing ...

Negative: I **am** not playing ...; She **is** not playing ...

Interrogative: **Am** I playing ...?; **Is** she playing ...?

# PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE

The present perfect tense is formed with the present tense of the auxiliary verb *to have* and the past participle of the main verb.

Affirmative: I **have** played/gone ... ; She **has** played/gone ...

Negative: I **have** not played/gone ... ; She **has** not played/gone ...

Interrogative: **Have** I played/gone ...? ; Has **she** played/gone ...?

## Used with the following time adverbials:

since, never, ever, just, already, yet,  
lately/recently, for

# SIMPLE PAST (PAST SIMPLE)

The simple past tense in regular verbs is formed by adding *-ed* to the infinitive. The simple past form of irregular verbs may be found in the list of irregular verbs.

Affirmative: I played/went ... ; She played/went ...

Negative: I did not play/go ...; She did not play/go

...

Interrogative: Did I play/go ...?; Did she play/go ...?

Used with the following time  
adverbials:

yesterday, last week, last year, last Monday,  
last ..., ago

# PAST PROGRESSIVE (PAST CONTINUOUS)

The past progressive tense is formed by the past tense of the auxiliary verb *to be* and the present participle of the main verb.

Affirmative: I **was** playing ... ; You **were** playing ...

Negative: I **was** not playing ...; You **were** not playing

...

Interrogative: **Was** I playing ...?; **Were** you playing ...?

Used with the following time  
adverbials:

the whole day yesterday, the whole evening  
yesterday *and the like*

## Two parallel actions:

While they were practising, he fell down and sprained the ankle.

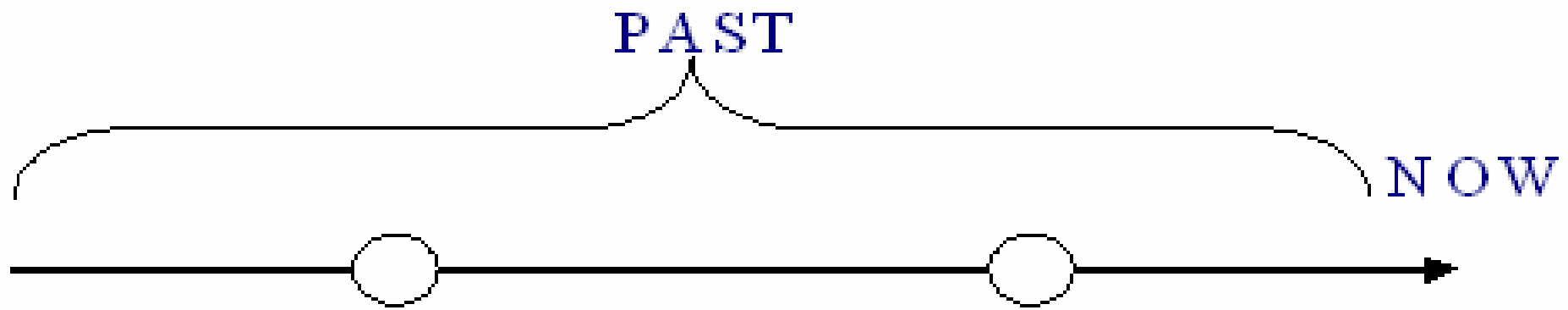
# PAST PERFECT SIMPLE

The past perfect tense is formed with the past tense of the auxiliary verb *to have* and the past participle of the main verb.

Affirmative: I **had** played/gone ... ; He **had** played/gone ...

Negative: I **had** not played/gone ...; He **had** not played/gone ...

Interrogative: **Had** I played ...?; **Had** he played/gone ...?



After they had finished their training, they went out.

Past Perfect Simple

Past Simple

# FUTURE SIMPLE

The future simple tense is formed with *shall* (for the 1st person singular and plural) or *will* (possible for all the persons, both singular and plural) and the infinitive (without *to*) of the main verb.

Affirmative: I **shall/will play** ... ; He **will play** ...

Negative: I **shall/will not play** ...; He **will not play** ...

Interrogative: **Shall/will I play** ...?; **Will he play** ...?

# PRESENT CONDITIONAL

The present conditional tense is formed with *should* (for the 1st person singular and plural) or *would* (possible for all the persons, both singular and plural) and the infinitive (without *to*) of the main verb.

Affirmative: I **would play** ...

Negative: I **would not play** ...

Interrogative: **Would I play** ...?

# PERFECT CONDITIONAL

The perfect conditional tense is formed with *should/would* and the perfect infinitive of the main verb.

Affirmative: I **would have played** ...

Negative: I **would not have played** ...

Interrogative: **Would I have played** ...?