

TENSES

TENSE	ACTIVE	NEGATIVE	QUESTION	USE
present simple	She plays tennis.	She doesn't play tennis.	Does she play tennis?	habits and routines
present continuous	She is playing tennis.	She is not playing tennis.	Is she playing tennis?	things that are happening now
past simple	She played tennis.	She didn't play tennis.	Did she play tennis?	completed actions in the past.
past continuous	She was playing tennis.	She wasn't playing tennis.	Was she playing tennis?	interrupted past actions or actions at a specific time in the past
present perfect	She has played tennis.	She hasn't played tennis.	Has she played tennis?	1. action that started in the past and continues now. 2. recent action with an effect in the present
present perfect continuous	She has been playing tennis.	She hasn't been playing tennis.	Has she been playing tennis?	usually used to express the duration of an activity that started in the past and continues into the present. (she has been playing tennis for three hours.)
past perfect	She had played tennis.	She hadn't played tennis.	Had she played tennis?	usually used to talk about an action that happens before another action in the past. (she had played tennis before she started university.)
past perfect continuous	She had been playing tennis.	She hadn't been playing tennis.	Had she been playing tennis?	usually used to express the duration of a continuous activity that started before another activity in the past.
future <i>with will</i>	She will play tennis.	She won't play tennis.	Will she play tennis?	usually used for a spontaneous promise, belief or offer
future <i>with going to</i>	She is going to play tennis.	She is not going to play tennis.	Is she going to play tennis?	future plan
future <i>using present simple structure.</i>	She is playing tennis.	She is not playing tennis.	Is she playing tennis?	plan for a specific time in the future. (she is playing tennis tonight after work.)
future perfect	She will have played tennis.	She won't have played tennis.	Will she have played tennis?	1. used to talk about something that will have happened at a particular time in the future - (she will have played tennis before she goes out tonight. ... [so she'll be tired]) 2. used to say how long something will have happened for at a particular time in the future - (she will have played tennis for 7 years by the time she plays at wimbledon.)
future perfect continuous	She will have been playing tennis.	She won't have been playing tennis.	Will she have been playing tennis?	as above, but with a greater focus on the action itself