

Tenses (काल)

SSC CGL English Grammar / 12 Tenses, Rules, Time Words

1. Tense kya hai?

Tense = kaam ka samay (past, present, future) aur uski avastha (simple, continuous, perfect, perfect continuous). $3 \times 4 = 12$ Tenses.

2. Structure table (Formula)

Tense	Present	Past	Future
Simple	V1 / V1+s He plays	V2 He played	shall/will + V1 He will play
Continuous	is/am/are + V-ing He is playing	was/were + V-ing He was playing	will be + V-ing He will be playing
Perfect	has/have + V3 He has played	had + V3 He had played	will have + V3 He will have played
Perfect Continuous	has/have been + V-ing He has been playing	had been + V-ing He had been playing	will have been + V-ing He will have been playing

Trick / Yaad rakhne ka tareeka

- Simple = sirf V; Continuous = be + ing; Perfect = have + V3; Perfect Continuous = have been + ing.
- Perfect Continuous me hamesha since / for aata hai.

3. Use (kab kaunsa tense)

Tense	Kab use karein
Present Simple	Habit, universal truth, fixed schedule: "The sun rises in the east." "The train leaves at 5."
Present Continuous	Abhi ho raha hai / planned future: "I am going to Delhi tomorrow."
Present Perfect	Past ka kaam jiska result abhi hai: "I have lost my pen." (just, already, yet, ever, never, so far)
Present Perfect Cont.	Kaam shuru hua aur ab tak chal raha hai: "I have been working since 9."

Tense	Kab use karein
Past Simple	Past me poora hua, time diya ho: "I met him yesterday."
Past Continuous	Past me chal raha tha: "I was reading when he came."
Past Perfect	Do past kaam me pehle wala : "The patient had died before the doctor came."
Future Simple	Aage hone wala: "I will call you."

Sabse zaroori SSC rules

- **Since + point of time** (since 2010, since Monday); **For + period** (for 5 years). "I have lived here **since** 2010 / **for** 10 years."
- Yesterday, ago, last year, in 1998, just now, at that time, once, then ke saath **Past Simple**, Present Perfect nahi: "I **saw** him yesterday" (have seen [WRONG]).
- Already, just, yet, ever, never, so far, till now, lately, recently ke saath **Present Perfect**.
- **Since** clause me **Past Simple**, main clause me **Present Perfect**: "It **has been** five years since he **left**."
- **When/before/after/as soon as/till/until** wale clause me future ke liye **Present Simple**: "I will call you when he **comes**" (will come [WRONG]).
- **If** clause me bhi: "If it **rains**, I will stay." (will rain [WRONG]).
- Know, understand, like, love, hate, want, believe, see, hear, own, belong, seem, need, prefer - stative verbs, continuous me nahi aate: "I **know** him" (am knowing [WRONG]).
- **Hardly/Scarcely ... when, No sooner ... than**: first part **Past Perfect**, second **Past Simple**. "No sooner **had** he left **than** it rained."

Exam Trap (SSC)

- **Past Perfect** sirf tab jab do past events ho aur ek pehle hua ho: "When I reached, the train **had left**."
- **Universal truth** hamesha **Present Simple** me, chahe main clause past ho: "The teacher said that the earth **moves** round the sun."
- **Historical fact** past simple: "Shivaji **was** a great king."
- **Wish** ke baad past: "I wish I **were** a bird." "If I **were** you, I would go." (was [WRONG] in formal).

- *Present Perfect + definite time [WRONG]: "I have finished it at 5" [WRONG] -> "I finished it at 5."*
- *Last year/yesterday + present perfect [WRONG].*

4. Sequence of Tenses

Main clause	Subordinate clause
Present/Future	Koi bhi tense: "He says that he <i>is/was/will be</i> ill."
Past	Past form: "He said that he <i>was</i> ill." (Past Simple -> Past ke saath)
Past + Universal truth	Present rahega: "He said that honesty <i>is</i> the best policy."

5. Quick Revision

- Since = point of time, For = period.
- Past time word (yesterday, ago) = Past Simple.
- Already/just/yet/ever = Present Perfect.
- When/if/before/after me future ka matlab ho tab bhi present simple.
- Stative verbs continuous me nahi.
- Universal truth = Present Simple.

Q. "I am knowing him for 5 years." sahi?

Ans. Galat. Sahi: "I have known him for 5 years." (know stative verb hai + for period)

Q. "No sooner did he arrive than..." ya "No sooner had he arrived than..."?

Ans. "No sooner had he arrived than..." - pehla part Past Perfect.

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