

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 eating.

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

PAST PARTICIPLES
 -ar -ado
 -er -ido
 -ir -ido

PAST PARTICIPLES
 -ar -ado
 -er -ido
 -ir -ido

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

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

