



The 12 English Tenses — Quick Reference & Practice



TEACHER'S ANSWER KEY

For teacher / tutor use only

Step 4 — Model Answers (verb: COOK)

- ✓ 1. Present Simple — I cook dinner every night.
- ✓ 2. Present Continuous — I'm cooking dinner now.
- ✓ 3. Simple Past — I cooked dinner yesterday.
- ✓ 4. Past Continuous — I was cooking dinner when you called.
- ✓ 5. Present Perfect — I have just cooked dinner.
- ✓ 6. Present Perfect Continuous — I have been cooking dinner for an hour.
- ✓ 7. Past Perfect — I had cooked dinner before my guests arrived.
- ✓ 8. Past Perfect Continuous — I had been cooking dinner when the power went out.
- ✓ 9. Future (will) — I will cook dinner tonight.
- ✓ 10. Future (going to) — I'm going to cook dinner tonight.
- ✓ 11. Future Continuous — I will be cooking dinner at 7pm.
- ✓ 12. Future Perfect — I will have cooked dinner by the time you arrive.

What to Check in a Student's Own Sentences

- ✓ Same verb used consistently across all 12 sentences.
- ✓ Correct auxiliary for the tense (do/does, is/am/are, did, was/were, have/has, had, will, going to).
- ✓ Correct verb form (base, -ing, past simple, past participle) matches the auxiliary used.
- ✓ A natural time expression where the tense needs one (every day, now, yesterday, before..., when..., by...).
- ✓ For Past Perfect / Past Perfect Continuous: the sentence has two clear time points, with “before” or “when” linking them.