



## How language holds together and works

The teacher in her report says that she **had** these A classes last year, but she **thought** it would be good to know how they **feel** this year and wonders if their English **has developed**, so she decides to give them a questionnaire in which the questions and answers **were written** in Greek. The teacher uses a variety of tenses to make her points. Even though you might not have been introduced to all the tense forms yet, you will have no great difficulty completing the tense charts that follow. Use the verb **play** for the active and **use** for the passive in the third person singular.



### Grammar

- a) **Continuous tenses** are formed with the auxiliary verb.....**BE**..... + the .....**present**..... participle (δηλ. **-ing**)
- b) **Perfect tenses** are formed with the auxiliary verb.....**HAVE**..... + the .....**past**..... participle (δηλ. **-ed ή 3η στήλη από τα ανώμαλα ρήματα**)
- d) **Future tenses** are formed with the auxiliary verb.....**WILL**..... + the **...bare infinitive ...(verb, σκέτο, άκλιτο)....**
- c) **Passive tenses** are formed with the auxiliary verb....**BE**..... + the .....**past**..... participle (δηλ. **-ed ή 3η στήλη από τα ανώμαλα ρήματα**)

#### TENSES

ACTIVE VOICE	Simple	Continuous
Present	<b>he plays</b>	<b>he is playing</b>
Past	<b>he played</b>	<b>he was playing</b>
Future	<b>he will play</b>	<b>he will be playing</b>
Present Perfect	<b>he has played</b>	<b>he has been playing</b>
Past Perfect	<b>he had played</b>	<b>he had been playing</b>
Future Perfect	<b>he will have played</b>	<b>he will have been playing</b>

#### TENSES

PASSIVE VOICE	Simple	Continuous
Present	<b>it is used</b>	<b>it is being used</b>
Past	<b>it was used</b>	<b>it was being used</b>
Future	<b>it will be used</b>	<b>it will be being used</b>
Present Perfect	<b>it has been used</b>	<b>it has been being used</b>
Past Perfect	<b>it had been used</b>	<b>it had been being used</b>
Future Perfect	<b>it will have been used</b>	<b>it will have been being used</b>

[4] Present Simple or Present Continuous? Choose the correct form of the verb.

Dear John,

(1) **I'm having** / I have a great time here in England. My university term (2) **isn't starting** / **doesn't start** until the end of next month, so (3) **I'm taking** / I take the opportunity to improve my English. (4) **I'm staying** / I stay with some English friends in the country.

On weekdays (5) **I'm taking** / **I take the** train to London to go to language classes. My friends say that (6) **I'm making** / I make good progress, my pronunciation is much better and (7) **I'm understanding** / **I understand** almost everything now. At weekends (8) **I'm helping** / **I help** them with the house. At the moment (9) **we're watering** / we water the plants in the garden. It's a big garden and they need extra help, so I've got to go now.

Write soon and tell me what (10) **you are doing** / you do these days.

Do you miss me?

Love,

Mary

[5] Past Simple or Past Continuous?

Complete the gaps with the correct form of the verb in the parenthesis.

1. As I (walk) **..was walking**..... down the street, I (meet) **.....met**..... an old friend from school.
2. This time yesterday I (lie) **.....was lying**..... on the beach.
3. She (break) **.....broke**..... her leg, while she (play) **....was playing**..... tennis.
4. I (look) **...looked / (was looking)**..... out of the window and (see) **.....saw**..... we (fly) **...were flying**..... over the sea.
5. When the teacher (come) **....came**..... in, everybody (stop) **.....stopped**..... talking.
6. They (wash) **.....were washing** ..... the car when it (start) **..started**..... to rain.
7. I (call) **.....called**..... you last night, but there was no answer.
8. I (not be) **.....was not**..... at home. I (help) **.....was helping**..... a friend of mine with her tax report.