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## **VERBS: TENSES AND MOODS**

There are three moods for verbs in English: Indicative, Imperative, and Subjunctive.

- Indicative: states a fact, asks a question, expresses an opinion.
- Pat left home last month.
- Imperative: makes a request, gives a command or direction
- *Hurry*! or *Please be on time*.
- Subjunctive: expresses a wish, a requirement, a suggestion, or a condition contrary to fact.
- *I wish you knew the answer.* or *She asked that we <u>be</u> on time. or If I <u>had been</u> awake I would have seen the meteor shower.*

English verbs have 12 tenses that you should be familiar with, and the tenses are flagged by forms of the auxiliary verbs *to be* or *to have*. There are three <u>Simple</u> Tenses (Simple Present, Simple Past, and Simple Future), three <u>Perfect</u> tenses, and six <u>Progressive</u> Tenses. If you use the wrong verb tense, you change the meaning of the sentence.

## **SIMPLE**

SIMPLE PRESENT I cook I see	SIMPLE PAST I cooked I saw	SIMPLE FUTURE I will cook I will see
PERFECT TENSES		
PRESENT PERFECT	PAST PERFECT	FUTURE
PERFECT I have cooked I have seen	I had cooked I had seen	I will have cooked I will have seen
PROGRESSIVE TENSES		
PRESENT PROGRESSIVE PROGRESSIVE	PAST PROGRESSIVE	FUTURE
I am seeing	I was cooking I was seeing	I will be cooking I will be seeing
PRES. PERFECT PROG.	PAST PERFECT PROG.	FUTURE
PERFECT PROG. I have been cooking cooking	I had been cooking	I will have been
I have been seeing seeing	I had been seeing	I will have been