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Topic: Grammar

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Notes: Active Voice & Passive Voice

Tense	Active	Passive
Simple Present	We make butter from milk.	Butter is made from milk.
	Somebody cleans these rooms	These rooms are cleaned every
	every day.	day.
	People never invite me to	I am never invited to parties.
	parties	
	How do they make butter?	How is butter made?
Simple Past	Somebody stole my car last week.	My car was stolen last week.
	Somebody stole my car keys	My keys were stolen yesterday.
	yesterday.	I wasn't invited to the party.
	They didn't invite me to the	When were these houses built?
	party.	
	When did they build these houses?	
Present Continuous	They are building a new airport	A new airport is being built at
	at the moment.	the moment.
	They are building some new	Some new houses are being
	houses near the river.	built near the river.
Past Continuous	When I was here a few years	When I was here a few years
	ago, they were building a new	ago, a new airport was being
	airport.	built.
Present Perfect	They have painted the door.	The door has been painted.
	These shirts are clean.	These shirts are clean. They
	Somebody has washed them.	have been washed.
	Somebody has stolen my car.	My car has been stolen.



Past Perfect	Mickey said that somebody had stolen his car.	Mickey said that his car had been stolen.
Simple Future	They will clean the office tomorrow. I think they will invite you to the party.	The office will be cleaned tomorrow. I think you will be invited to the party.
Future Continuous	They are going to build a new airport.	A new airport is going to be built.
Modal Auxiliary: Must / Can / Should / Have to etc	He must clean the office. They can't repair my watch. You should wash this sweater by hand. Somebody has to wash these clothes. They had to take the injured man to hospital.	The office must be cleaned. My watch can't be repaired. This sweater should be washed by hand. These clothes have to be washed. The injured man had to be taken to hospital.



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PRESENT TENSE

1. Simple Present Tense

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Eg: a. I go to Tirupati temple every month.

b. She prefers tea over coffee.

c. The Earth revolves round the Sun.

How:Subject + Verb (1st Form)

2. Present Continuous Tense

The Action is going on right now/ is progressing

Eg:a. I am speaking to her right now.

b. They are playing for the team today.

How: Subject + is/am/are + Verb+ing

3. Present Perfect Tense

The Action has just got over in the recent times/present scenario.

Eg:a. She has scored good marks in this term.

b. The train has arrived few minutes ago.

How: Subject + has/have + Verb (3rd Form)

4. Present Perfect Continuous Tense

The Action has started sometime ago & it is still continuing



Eg:a. It has been raining since last night.

b. I have been waiting for her for an hour.

How: Subject + has/have + been + Verb+ing

PAST TENSE

1. Simple Past Tense

The Action got over in the recent Past.

Eg: a. I visited my friend's place yesterday.

b. They arrived here last week.

How: Subject + Verb (2nd Form)

2. Past Continuous Tense

The Action was going on in the Past.

Eg: a. When I called her, she was driving a car.

b. Students were talking when the teacher entered the class.

How: Subject + was/were + Verb+ing

3. Past Perfect Tense

The Action got over in the distant Past.

Eg: a. She had joined this institute 5 years ago.

b. I had visited Taj Mahal in my childhood.

How: Subject + had + Verb (3rd Form)

4. Past Perfect Continuous Tense

The Action had started in the Past & it was still continuing till recently, now it's no more in progression.

Eg: a. He had been serving here since 1999.

b. They had been dating each other for 3 years.

How: Subject + had + been + Verb+ing



FUTURE TENSE

1. Simple Future Tense

The Action will occur/happen in the Future.

Eg: a. I will complete my work by the end of the day.

b. They will be here anytime from now.

How: Subject + will/shall + Verb (1st Form)

2. Future Continuous Tense

The Action will be continuing in Future.

Eg: a. We shall be climbing Mt. Abu by this time next week.

b. They will be complaining about the matter very soon.

How: Subject + will/shall + be + Verb+ing

3. Future Perfect Tense

The Action will have been over in Future

Eg: a. They will have finished lunch by the time we reach there.

b. She will have completed her studies in next 3 years.

How: Subject + will + have + Verb (3rd Form)