Overview of Verb Tenses

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1. every day before you leave home  (habit = simple present)  
   What do you do...

2. since you got up this morning  (since a time in the past until now = present perfect)  
   What have you done...

3. right now  (activity in progress in the present (now) = present progressive)  
   What are you doing...

4. at 9:30 yesterday  (an activity in progress at specific time in the past = past progressive)  
   What were you doing...

5. by the time you got here today  (an event that finished before another time in the past = past perfect)  
   What had you done...

1. last night  (began and ended at a particular time in the past = simple past)  
   What did you do...

2. tomorrow  (at a particular time in the future = simple future)  
   What will you do...

3. for the past five minutes  (how long a present activity has been in progress = present perfect progressive)  
   What have you been doing...

4. at 9:45 tomorrow  (activity in progress at a particular time in the future = future progressive)  
   What will you be doing...

5. by the time you go to bed tonight  (an event that will finish before another time in the future)  
   What will you have done...
The earth is round.
The sun is far away.
Women can be mothers.
People are innately good.
Americans have many pets.
The Simple Tenses

- Simple Present
- Simple Past
- Simple Future

These tenses make up 90% of the verb tenses we use!

Simple Present

- every day
- events
- facts
- habits
- every day

Simple Past

- one time event
- last night
- in the past

Simple Future

- one time event
- in the future
The Progressive Tenses

- Present Progressive
- Past Progressive
- Future Progressive

These tenses describe actions that are in progress: things that are happening at a particular time.
The Perfect Tenses

- Present Perfect
- Past Perfect
- Future Perfect

These tenses tell you that one thing happened before something else.
• Present Perfect Progressive
• Past Perfect Progressive
• Future Perfect Progressive

These tenses tell us how long one event is in progress before another event starts.
It's 9:30. simple

We are sitting in class.

present progressive

how long?

He has been sitting here for 15 minutes.

Class started at 9.

Tri arrived at 8:45.

He had been sitting for 15 min when class started.
Class will end at 11:40.

When class ends at 11:40, we will have been sitting for 2 hours and 40 min.

You have been sitting for 30 minutes.

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