**VERB TENSES**

**PRESENT SIMPLE TENSE**

\*Facts-Magnet sattract iron fillings.

\*Repeated actions, customs, habits- He visits his family every weekend.

\*Abilities-He plays the guitar very well.

\*Future (After ‘if’ in conditional clauses) -If he comes we will go together.

**PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE**

\*It describes something happening now but not necessarily at this moment.

The headmaster is writing a book.

**PRESENT PERFECT TENSE**

\*It describes events which happened in the past but closely connected with the present.

I have lost my pen.

**PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUSTENSE**

\*The tense is used to indicate an activity /state which started in the past and has gone on until present.

We have been washing the dishes since 10 O’clock.

We have been playing football all morning.

**PAST SIMPLE TENSE**

\*This tense indicates that an event happened in the past but is no longer true.

He played football for Chelsea.

**PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE**

\*This tense shows that an activity was going on when another took place.

She was washing the disheswhen I entered the room.

\* It is used when we wish to emphasize that two activities were going on at the same time.

I was reading a book while my sister was writing.

\*This tense is also used when we need to emphasize that an activity was continuous over a certain period.

I was working hard all last week.

**PAST PERFECT TENSE**

\*This tense is used when discussing a past action and referring to an earlier event.

The lesson had begun when we arrived.

As soon as he had eatenhe went out.

**PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE**

\*It refers to two past events. One happening earlier than the other but continuing until the time the second one takes place.

You had been complaining for several months before treatment was arranged.

I had been playing when my sister told me about father’s accident.

**FUTURE SIMPLE TENSE**

\*This tense tells that something is going to happen.

We will wait for them.

Our friends will save the seats for us.

**FUTURE CONTINUOUS TENSE**

\*It indicates that an activity or state will be going over a period of future time.

He will be flying across the Sahara at 2 o’clock tomorrow afternoon.

**FUTURE PERFECT TENSE**

\*This tense indicates that at some time in the future an action will be completed.

By next June,you will have finished your course.

**FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE** (rarely used)

\*Indicates that an activity viewed in the future as past will have been going on continuously.

We will have been living in this town for five months next April.

**EXERCISES**

**1.Find each verb and tell its tense. Then rewrite each sentence and change the verb to the form given in brackets**.

1. Ali lived in Basse as a child. (past perfect)

2. The guests were eating fish and chips. (future perfect)

3. The girls’ basketball team has won the trophy. (future)

4. The researchers returned from Europe. (present perfect)

5. Sali prepares very delicious food.( present continuous)

**11.Choose the correct verb**.

1. We (go) to the cinema last week.
2. A bird sat on the window that I ( clean) last week.

3. When their mother came home the boys ( watch ) TV for two hours.

4.Yesterday an electrician ( come) to our house.

5.While the electrician (repair) our fridge,I was busy ( cook) for the family.