**The Past Tenses & The Perfect Tenses**

**Past Tenses:**

**Simple Past Tense:**

***Form:*** Subject + base form + d/ed (e.g., I played, she worked).

***Use:***

* For completed actions in the past (e.g., I visited London last year).
* For past habits or routines (e.g., She always ate breakfast at 7 AM).

**Past Continuous Tense:**

***Form:*** Subject + was/were + present participle (e.g., I was playing, they were studying).

***Use:***

* For actions that were ongoing in the past at a specific moment (e.g., At 8 PM yesterday, I was watching TV).
* To describe two parallel actions in the past (e.g., While she was cooking, he was reading).

**Past Perfect Tense:**

***Form:*** Subject + had + past participle (e.g., I had played, she had worked).

***Use:***

* To express an action completed before another action in the past (e.g., When I arrived, she had already left).
* For reported speech when reporting something that was said or thought in the past (e.g., She said that she had finished her homework).

**Past Perfect Continuous Tense:**

***Form:*** Subject + had + been + present participle (e.g., I had been working, they had been waiting).

***Use:***

* To emphasize the duration of an action that occurred before another action in the past (e.g., By 6 PM, I had been working for eight hours).

**Perfect Tenses:**

**Present Perfect Tense:**

***Form:*** Subject + have/has + past participle (e.g., I have played, she has worked).

***Use:***

* For actions that started in the past and continue into the present (e.g., I have lived here for five years).
* For experiences in life (e.g., I have visited Paris).
* When the time of the action is not specified or not important.

**Past Perfect Tense:**

***Form:*** Subject + had + past participle (e.g., I had played, she had worked).

***Use:***

* To express an action completed before another action in the past (e.g., When I arrived, she had already left).
* For reported speech when reporting something that was said or thought in the past (e.g., She said that she had finished her homework).

**Future Perfect Tense:**

***Form:*** Subject + will have + past participle (e.g., I will have finished, she will have graduated).

***Use:***

* To express an action that will be completed before a specified time in the future

(e.g., By next year, I will have completed my degree).