

# VERB TENSES

Present, Past, Future, Present Perfect,  
Past Perfect, Future Perfect,  
Emphatic, and Progressive

# PRESENT TENSE

- ◉ Something that is happening now.
- ◉ Today I.....sing, dance, eat, etc.

I am a student.

I like strawberry pie with whipped cream.

I walk three miles every day.

You explain verbs so I understand.

We sing a song before our nightly prayers.

Please call me.

Study many hours for the test.

Enjoy your time at BYU-Idaho.

# PAST TENSE

- ◉ Something that happened before now.
- ◉ Yesterday I . . . . walked, ran, slept, ate, etc.

Yesterday I walked three miles.

Yesterday you called me.

Yesterday he studied many hours.

Last week we were not students.

Last month he cried.

He left on his mission in June.

We wandered aimlessly in the grove.

# FUTURE TENSE

- ◉ Something that will happen in the future
- ◉ Tomorrow I .....will walk, shall eat, could study, would help, etc.

I will be a student.

I should be happy.

I could meet you tomorrow.

I shall study many hours.

You would like Jennifer.

Could you go to the show?

Will you be my friend?

# PRESENT PERFECT TENSE

- ⦿ Have or has PLUS another verb.
- ⦿ You . . . . have eaten, have walked, have studied, etc.
- ⦿ She . . . . has eaten, has walked, has studied, etc.



I have been a student for two months.

I have called you before.

You have attended many seminars.

He has returned from his mission.

She has received her call.

Have you read that book?

Has she done her work?

# PAST PERFECT TENSE

- ⦿ HAD plus another verb
- ⦿ Had has a d on the end. That means it is done and in the PAST PERFECT tense.
- ⦿ I. . . . had walked, had eaten, had studied, etc.

I had attended Ricks before.

I had called you three times before.

He had been home for three weeks.

She had enjoyed her work until  
she had been involved in the accident.

Had you heard that before?

Had you met him in class?

# FUTURE PERFECT TENSE

- A future word--will, would, should, could--  
PLUS have PLUS another verb

I should have been a student sooner.

I will have been there before.

I could have told you about that.

Should you have reported him to campus  
police?

Should I have gone with you?

Could I have been mistaken?

# PROGRESSIVE TENSE

- ◉ Has 'ing' and means is still in progress
- ◉ Can be in any tense PLUS progressive
- ◉ PRESENT PROGRESSIVE--am going
- ◉ PAST PROGRESSIVE--was walking
- ◉ FUTURE PROGRESSIVE--will be smiling
- ◉ PRESENT PERFECT PROGRESSIVE-- have been studying

I am studying at college.

I was walking for two miles, but now I am walking for three miles.

I will be calling you tomorrow.

I have been eating my favorite foods.

I will have been walking for three years by next week.

# EMPHATIC VERBS

- ◉ Add emphasis
- ◉ PRESENT EMPHATIC--do or does PLUS another verb
- ◉ PAST EMPHATIC--did PLUS another verb



I do like school.

She does like school.

I do eat brownies for breakfast.

He does eat a good breakfast every day.

Do you want a new shirt?

Does she like him anymore?

She did study for the test.

They did go home first.

I did want a new dress.

He did call you three times.

Jan did move to Mexico.

Did your mom call you?

Did he ask you to the dance?

# TELL THE TENSES OF THESE:

- ⦿ She came home late last night.
- ⦿ We will be going to that movie tomorrow.
- ⦿ She has told that story before.
- ⦿ We had been shopping for hours.
- ⦿ Sam did not ask those questions.
- ⦿ We have been running each evening.
- ⦿ Were you late?

# MORE VERBS TO IDENTIFY

- ◉ Go to your room.
- ◉ Will you please go to your room.
- ◉ Do you know the way to San Jose?
- ◉ I am still reading that book.
- ◉ I have been enjoying the book.
- ◉ Are you voting in the next election?
- ◉ Will you vote for him?

# MORE VERB TENSES

- ◉ Have you been wondering about that?
- ◉ Can she tie her shoes?
- ◉ Do you believe in Santa Claus?
- ◉ Don't do that!
- ◉ Is she likely to trip down the stairs?
- ◉ He is riding his horse today.
- ◉ We were sleeping when you called.

