

Verb Tense

Goal: This Directed Learning Activity is intended to introduce you to verb tense, and will help you become familiar with terms, definitions and applications of the concepts surrounding the topic.

Activities: This portion of the Directed Learning Activity is meant to be done independently. This portion will include activities such as exercises, games, Power Point presentations, and/or other lessons that show applications of the topic. You should print all materials used and take notes on anything you learn in this Directed Learning Activity.

Just a note: *At first glance, this topic seems far more complicated than it really is. While some might see this topic as an overwhelming number of different tenses, it is simpler to organize the different tenses into four categories, with each having three tenses: present, past and future.*

1. Cut and paste the following URL, then rewrite, in your own words, the definitions for the basic tenses:

<http://leo.stcloudstate.edu/grammar/tenses.html>

a. Simple Forms:

i. Present:

ii. Past:

iii. Future:

b. Progressive Forms:

i. Present:

ii. Past:

iii. Future:

c. Perfect Forms:

i. Present:

ii. Past:

iii. Future:

d. Perfect Progressive Forms:

i. Present:

ii. Past:

iii. Future:

2. A great way to apply the verb tense grammar rules is to first be able to recognize the different ones used in sentences. Cut and paste the following link, then play the verb tense game for as long as you deem necessary to gain a full understanding of these concepts:

<http://www.ezschoo.com/Games/AlterVerbs.html>

3. Print out the chart on the following page, and fill in the blanks with examples that fit with the headings.

Review: Once you have finished the exercises in this Directed Learning Activity, you will need to see a tutor in the Writing Center. Take with you, the chart that you filled in earlier, so that the tutor may check for any mistakes or misunderstanding. If there is anything you find confusing, be sure to ask the tutor specific questions about the topic. **In order to pass this DLA, you need to have filled in your chart completely and correctly and have this verified by a tutor.**

	Simple	Progressive	Perfect	Perfect
Present				
Definition				
Present				
Example				
Past				
Definition				
Past				
Example				
Future				
Definition				
Future				
Example				