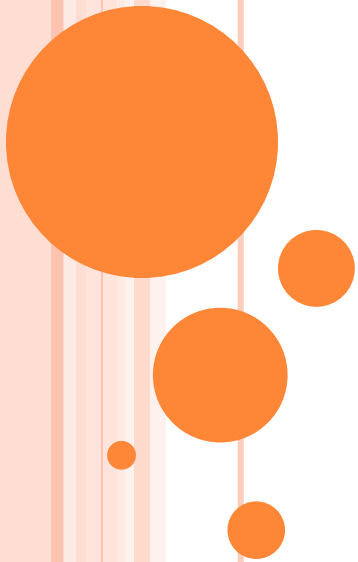



# BASIC TENSES: BE



THIS PAGE SHOWS THE BASIC TENSES WITH THE VERB BE.

IT INCLUDES THE AFFIRMATIVE OR POSITIVE FORM (+), THE NEGATIVE FORM (-) AND THE INTERROGATIVE OR QUESTION FORM (?)



THERE ARE THE FORMS OF THE MAIN VERB BE THAT WE USE TO CONSTRUCT THE TENSES:

base	past simple	past participle	present participle	present simple
be	was, were	been	being	am, are, is



		past	present	future
SIMPLE <b>present simple</b> or <b>past simple</b> (except future: will + <b>be</b> )	+	<b>I was</b>	<b>I am</b>	I will <b>be</b>
	-	<b>I was not</b>	<b>I am not</b>	I will <i>not be</i>
	?	<b>Was I?</b>	<b>Am I?</b>	Will I <b>be</b> ?
SIMPLE PERFECT have + <b>been</b>	+	I had <b>been</b>	I have <b>been</b>	I will have <b>been</b>
	-	I had <i>not been</i>	I have <i>not been</i>	I will <i>not have been</i>
	?	Had I <b>been</b> ?	Have I <b>been</b> ?	Will I have been?
CONTINUOUS be + <b>being</b>	+	I was <b>being</b>	I am <b>being</b>	I will be <b>being</b>
	-	I was <i>not being</i>	I am <i>not being</i>	I will <i>not be being</i>
	?	Was I <b>being</b> ?	Am I <b>being</b> ?	Will I be <b>being</b> ?
CONTINUOUS PERFECT have been + <b>being</b>	+	I had been <b>being</b>	I have been <b>being</b>	I will have been <b>being</b>
	-	I had <i>not been being</i>	I have <i>not been being</i>	I will <i>not have been being</i>
	?	Had I been <b>being</b> ?	Have I been <b>being</b> ?	Will I have been <b>being</b> ?

IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE WE SEE **BE** CONJUGATED FOR 12 BASIC TENSES.

SIMPLE		past	present	future
singular	I	was	am	will be
	you	were	are	will be
	he/she/it	was	is	will be
plural	we	were	are	will be
	you	were	are	will be
	they	were	are	will be
PERFECT		past	present	future
singular	I	had been	have been	will have been
	you	had been	have been	will have been
	he/she/it	had been	has been	will have been
plural	we	had been	have been	will have been
	you	had been	have been	will have been
	they	had been	have been	will have been



CONTINUOUS		past	present	future
singular	I	was being	am being	will be being
	you	were being	are being	will be being
	he/she/it	was being	is being	will be being
plural	we	were being	are being	will be being
	you	were being	are being	will be being
	they	were being	are being	will be being
CONTINUOUS PERFECT		past	present	future
singular	I	had been being	have been being	will have been being
	you	had been being	have been being	will have been being
	he/she/it	had been being	has been being	will have been being
plural	we	had been being	have been being	will have been being
	you	had been being	have been being	will have been being
	they	had been being	have been being	will have been being

