

English Verb Table

tense	Affirmative/Negative/Question	Use	Typical discourse markers
Simple Present	A: He walks. N: He does not walk. Q: Does he walk?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> action in the present taking place once, never or several times facts actions taking place one after another action set by a timetable or schedule 	always, every ..., never, normally, often, seldom, sometimes, usually
Present Progressive/Continuous	A: He is walking. N: He is not walking. Q: Is he walking?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> action taking place in the moment of walking action taking place only for a limited period of time action arranged for the future 	at the moment, just, just now, now, right now
Simple Past	A: He walked. N: He did not walk. Q: Did he walk?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> action in the past taking place once, never or several times actions taking place one after another action taking place in the middle of another action 	yesterday, 2 minutes ago, in 1990, the other day, last Friday if sentence type II (<i>If I talked, ...</i>)
Past Progressive / continuous/ Past Continuous	A: He was walking. N: He was not walking. Q: Was he walking?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> action going on at a certain time in the past actions taking place at the same time action in the past that is interrupted by another action 	when, while, as long as
Present Perfect Simple	A: He has walked. N: He has not walked. Q: Has he walked?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> putting emphasis on the result action that is still going on action that stopped recently finished action that has an influence on the present action that has taken place once, never or several times before the moment of walking 	already, ever, just, never, not yet, so far, till now, up to now
Present Perfect Progressive / continuous	A: He has been walking. N: He has not been walking. Q: Has he been walking?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> putting emphasis on the course or duration (not the result) action that recently stopped or is still going on finished action that influenced the present 	all day, for 4 years, since 1993, how long?, the whole week
Past Perfect Simple	A: He had walked. N: He had not walked. Q: Had he walked?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> action taking place before a certain time in the past sometimes interchangeable with past perfect progressive / continuous 	already, just, never, not yet, once, until that day if sentence type III (<i>If I had talked, ...</i>)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • putting emphasis only on the fact (not the duration) 	
Past Perfect Progressive / continuous	<p>A: He had been walking. N: He had not been walking. Q: Had he been walking?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • action taking place before a certain time in the past • sometimes interchangeable with past perfect simple • putting emphasis on the duration or course of an action 	for, since, the whole day, all day
Future I Simple	<p>A: He will walk. N: He will not walk. Q: Will he walk?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • action in the future that cannot be influenced • spontaneous decision • assumption with regard to the future 	in a year, next ..., tomorrow I think, probably, perhaps
Future I Simple	<p>A: He is going to walk. N: He is not going to walk. Q: Is he going to walk?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • decision made for the future • conclusion with regard to the future 	in one year, next week, tomorrow
(going to)	<p>A: He will be walking. N: He will not be walking. Q: Will he be walking?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • action that is going on at a certain time in the future • action that is sure to happen in the near future 	in one year, next week, tomorrow
Future I Progressive / continuous	<p>A: He will have walked. N: He will not have walked. Q: Will he have walked?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • action that will be finished at a certain time in the future 	by Monday, in a week
Future II Simple	<p>A: He will have been walking. N: He will not have been walking. Q: Will he have been walking?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • action taking place before a certain time in the future • putting emphasis on the course of an action 	for ..., the last couple of hours, all day long
Future II Progressive / continuous	<p>A: He would walk. N: He would not walk. Q: Would he walk?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • action that might take place 	if sentences type II <i>(If I were you, I would go home.)</i>
Conditional I Simple	<p>A: He would be walking. N: He would not be walking. Q: Would he be walking?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • action that might take place • putting emphasis on the course / duration of the action 	
Conditional I Progressive / continuous	<p>A: He would have walked. N: He would not have walked. Q: Would he have walked?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • action that might have taken place in the past 	if sentences type III <i>(If I had seen that, I would have helped.)</i>
Conditional II Simple	<p>A: He would have been walking. N: He would not have been walking. Q: Would he have been walking?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • action that might have taken place in the past • puts emphasis on the course / duration of the action 	