

QUICK CHECK 3 MODULES 5, 6, 7 AND 8 **Verb tenses**

TENSE	USE	EXAMPLE	UNIT
present simple	facts/permanent situations	<i>Water boils at 100°C.</i>	27.2
	thoughts/feelings/opinions	<i>I think New York is exciting.</i>	27.2
	likes and dislikes	<i>I prefer the city to the countryside.</i>	27.2
	regular activities, routines	<i>We usually start at eight o'clock.</i>	27.3
	describing/telling stories	<i>The film takes place in the US.</i>	27.4
	describing states (state verbs)	<i>They seem very nice.</i>	29.3
present continuous	actions happening now (as we speak)	<i>Hurry up! The taxi's waiting.</i>	28.2
	temporary situations	<i>Trudi's studying animal behaviour now.</i>	28.2
	criticising someone	<i>You're always losing your keys.</i>	28.2
	changes and trends	<i>The economy is getting worse.</i>	28.3
	describing pictures	<i>A woman is walking into the room.</i>	28.4
past simple	finished actions in the past	<i>I passed my driving test last week.</i>	30.2
	repeated actions in the past	<i>She phoned her parents every day.</i>	30.2
	a series of past actions	<i>We arrived in Rome and took a taxi to the apartment.</i>	30.2
	past situations	<i>He lived from 1500 to 1539.</i>	30.2
past continuous	actions at around a time in the past	<i>I wasn't feeling well that day.</i>	31.2
	temporary situations in the past	<i>We were living in Beijing at the time of the 2008 Olympics.</i>	31.2
	one action interrupted by another action	<i>The bus was going too fast and it hit the car.</i>	31.3
	plans that did not happen	<i>I was hoping to study medicine.</i>	31.4
	a scene in the past	<i>When we arrived, the sun was shining.</i>	31.5
past perfect simple	an earlier action in the past	<i>Before I found a job, I had been to thirty interviews.</i>	34.2
	giving reasons for past actions/feelings	<i>Emily was unhappy because her husband hadn't bought her a present.</i>	34.4
past perfect continuous	continuing past actions that were happening before another action/time	<i>Julia had been working in sales for two years when Phil joined the team.</i>	35.2
	emphasising time	<i>It had been selling well for ten years.</i>	35.3
	giving reasons for past actions/feelings	<i>He was tired as he'd been driving all afternoon.</i>	35.3