



# ENGLISH TENSES

## PAST

## PRESENT

## FUTURE

### SIMPLE



- I played a game yesterday.
- He played tennis yesterday.
- I didn't play yesterday.
- Did he play yesterday?

- I play tennis every day.
- He plays tennis on Mondays.
- I don't play football.
- Do you play football?

- I will play with you tomorrow.
- He'll play with me.
- I won't play tomorrow.
- Will you play tomorrow?

### CONTINUOUS

- I was swimming when I saw a shark.
- I wasn't swimming.
- Were you swimming in the ocean?



- I'm swimming in the pool now.
- I'm not swimming now.
- Are you swimming with me?

- I'll be swimming in the ocean this time tomorrow.
- I won't be swimming.
- Will you be swimming in the ocean next month?

### PERFECT



- I had studied for hours, so I passed the exam.
- I hadn't studied and I failed.
- Had you studied before passing the exam?

- I've studied hard recently.
- He hasn't studied yet.
- Have you studied yet?

- I'll have studied for two years.
- I won't have finished studying by then.
- Will you have finished studying by five o'clock?



### PERFECT CONTINUOUS

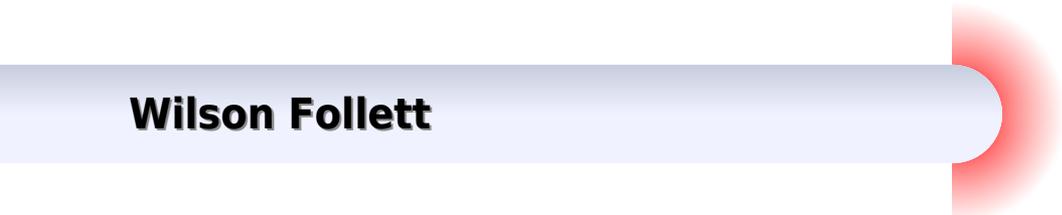
- I had been waiting for hours.
- I hadn't been waiting before they came.
- Had you been waiting for long?

- I have been waiting for you.
- I haven't been waiting long.
- Have you been waiting?

- I will have been waiting here for three hours by six o'clock.
- I won't have been waiting for long.
- Will you have been waiting?

# English Usage

**Wilson Follett**



## English Usage:

**A Dictionary of Modern English Usage** Henry Watson Fowler, 1994 guide to precise phrases grammar and pronunciation can be key it can even be admired But beloved Yet from its first appearance in 1926 Fowler's was just that Henry Watson Fowler initially aimed his Dictionary of Modern English Usage as he wrote to his publishers in 1911 at the half educated Englishman of literary proclivities who wants to know Can I say so so He was of course obsessed with in Swift's phrase proper words in their proper places But having been a schoolmaster Fowler knew that liberal doses of style wit and caprice would keep his manual off the shelf and in writers hands He also felt that description must accompany prescription and that advocating pedantic superstitions and fetishes would be to no one's advantage Adepts will have their favorite inconsequential entries from burgle to brood truffle to turgid Would that we could quote them all but we can't resist a couple

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