



York College

# Writing Center

## Infosheets

### The 12 Verb Tenses

	Past	Present	Future
Simple	<p>I <b>ate</b> pizza yesterday.</p> <p>S + V<sub>2</sub> + O</p>	<p>I <b>eat</b> pizza everyday.</p> <p>S + V<sub>1</sub> + O</p>	<p>I <b>will eat</b> pizza tomorrow.</p> <p>S + 'will' + V + O</p>
Continuous	<p>I <b>was eating</b> pizza when you arrived.</p> <p>S + 'was/were' + (V+ing) + O</p>	<p>I <b>am eating</b> pizza right now.</p> <p>S + 'am/is/are' + (V+ing) + O</p>	<p>I <b>will be eating</b> pizza when you arrive.</p> <p>S + 'will be' + (V+ing) + O</p>
Perfect	<p>I <b>had eaten</b> all of the pizza when you arrived.</p> <p>S + 'had' + V<sub>3</sub> + O</p>	<p>I <b>have eaten</b> all of the pizza.</p> <p>S + 'have/has' + V<sub>3</sub> + O</p>	<p>I <b>will have eaten</b> all of the pizza by the time you arrive.</p> <p>S + 'will have' + V<sub>3</sub> + O</p>
Perfect Continuous	<p>I <b>had been eating</b> pizza for 2 hours when you arrived.</p> <p>S + 'had been' + (V+ing) + O</p>	<p>I <b>have been eating</b> pizza for 2 hours.</p> <p>S + 'have/has been' + (V+ing) + O</p>	<p>I <b>will have been eating</b> pizza for 2 hours when you arrive.</p> <p>S + 'will have been' + (V+ing) + O</p>

**Legend:** S = Subject    O = Object    V = Verb (V<sub>1</sub> = present / V<sub>2</sub> = past / V<sub>3</sub> = past participle)