



Understanding French tenses

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Plus-que-parfait	Imparfait	Passé Composé	Present tense	Aller + verb	Future tense	Present tense
1. Tell me of an action that happened before another.	1. Tell me of a habit that you had in the past.	1. Give me a piece of news about something you did or that happened .	1. Describe an action you are doing now.	1. Tell me of an action that you have the intention of doing later.	1. Tell me something that you promise will happen.	1. Tell me something that is sure to happen. (bookings, events...)
2. Remind me of an action long ago .	2. Set the background to an action that you express with the passé composé .	2. Tell me the conclusion of an event that happened in the past.	2. Describe an action you regularly do as a habit. (you can place toujours / jamais / souvent...)	2. Tell me something that you predict will happen in the future.	2. Tell me something you predict .	
	3. Describe an atmosphere or a setting in the past.		3. Describe and action that is temporarily true. (pour le moment...)	3. Tell me of a consequence . (Si...) If this then that.	3. Tell me of a consequence . (Si...)	

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			4. Describe an action that you are performing now (window, lights...)			

This free worksheet is best used with the matching video available on Youtube. Its purpose is to describe the different uses of the basic “indicative” tenses. Not included are the imperative, the conditional, the passé simple and the subjunctive.

