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# Verbs

## Verb Phrase

A verb phrase may be composed of one verb, or two or more verbs placed as a group.

The last verb in a verb phrase is called the main verb.

A verb phrase may consist of a main verb only, or it may consist of a main verb with all its helping verbs.

### Examples

I can play football.

The cake has been taken to the party.

I should have left earlier.

She ran a marathon.

VERB PHRASE = HELPING VERB + MAIN VERB

can play	=	can	+	play
has been taken	=	has been	+	taken
should have left	=	should have	+	left
ran	=	(no helping verbs)	+	ran

## Review of Helping Verbs

### List of helping verbs:

do, does, did, have,  
has, had, may, might, must, should,  
would, could, shall, will, can, is, am,  
are, were, was, be, being, been

## Regular Verbs

Regular verbs are those verbs that add "ed" to both the past and the past participle forms.

Infinitive	Present	Past	Past Participle
to kick	kick(s)	kicked	has kicked
to talk	talk(s)	talked	had talked
to clean	clean(s)	cleaned	have cleaned

(have, had or has +  
the past tense verb)

## Irregular Verbs

Irregular verbs do NOT add "ed" to the past tense.

Infinitive	Present	Past	Past Participle
to see	see(s)	saw	have seen
to speak	speak(s)	spoke	had spoken
to bring	bring(s)	brought	has brought

(have, had or has +  
the past participle)

# Verb Tenses

Tense means time.

# Present Tense

- Present tense means it is happening at the present time.
- Present tense **never** has a helping verb.
- To form the present tense, remove the word "to" from the infinitive.

Ex. The dog runs across the street. (singular)  
Five dogs chew on their bones. (plural)

# Past Tense

- Past tense indicates what has already happened.
- Past tense **never** has a helping verb.
- To form the past tense of a regular verb, add "ed" to the verb.
- Irregular verbs: follow the chart.

Ex. The dinner remained on the table for hours.  
The students practiced their instruments.

# Future Tense

- Future tense indicates time that has not happened yet.
- Future tense contains the helping verb "will" or "shall".

Ex. I shall answer your question.

The repairman will come by in an hour.

Will you please play this game with us?

# Perfect Tenses

To make the perfect tense, use this formula...

Perfect Tense = (form of to have) + past participle

## Present Perfect

Use "have" or "has".

Ex. I have known.  
He has known.

I have placed it there.  
She has placed it there.

## Past Perfect

Use "had".

Ex. I had known.  
He had known.

I had placed it there.  
She had placed it there.

## Future Perfect

Use "will have" or "shall have".

Ex. I will have known.  
He shall have known.

I will have placed it there.  
She shall have placed it there.

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Summary:

