

De grammaticale tijden in het Engels: een overzicht

Zoals het woord al zegt, kun je aan het werkwoord zien in welke tijd de zin zich afspeelt. De uitgang van het werkwoord (dus: waar het op eindigt) verandert, over het algemeen, om die tijd aan te geven.

De tijden kunnen onderverdeeld worden in 3 periodes:

- *Present*
(tegenwoordige tijd)
- *Past*
(verleden tijd)
en
- *Future*
(toekomstige tijd)

Binnen deze 3 tijden kan dan weer een onderverdeling gemaakt worden tussen:

- *Simple*
- *Continuous*
- *Perfect*
(voltooide tijd).

N.B. In dit overzicht zijn uitzonderingen en onregelmatige werkwoorden buiten beschouwing gelaten. Het is bedoeld als hulpmiddel om snel te kunnen zien hoe het ook al weer in elkaar steekt!

The Present Tenses – De tegenwoordige tijd

The Present Simple – Ik werk

Gebruik:		1. bij een feit, hobby, gewoonte 2. drukt toekomst uit als het gaat om roosters, tijdschema's en planningen		
Bevestigende zin	Ontkennende zin	Vraag	Kort antwoord positief	Kort antwoord negatief
I work	I don't work	Do I work?	Yes, I do.	No, I don't.
You work	You don't work	Do you work?	Yes, you do.	No, you don't.
He/She/It works	He/She/It doesn't work	Does he/she/it work?	Yes, he/she/it does.	No, he/she/it doesn't.
We work	We don't work	Do we work?	Yes, we do.	No, we don't.
You work	You don't work	Do you work?	Yes, you do.	No, you don't.
They work	They don't work	Do they work	Yes, they do.	No, they don't

The Present Continuous (to be + ww+ing) – Ik ben aan het werken

Gebruik:		1. als iets op dit moment aan de gang is 2. om een langer durende algemene activiteit aan te geven 3. om een voornemen in de toekomst aan te geven		
Bevestigende zin	Ontkennende zin	Vraag	Kort antwoord positief	Kort antwoord negatief
I am working	I am not working	Am I working?	Yes, I am.	No, I am not.
You are working	You aren't working	Are you working?	Yes, you are.	No, you aren't.
He/She/It is working	He/She/It isn't working	Is he/she/it working?	Yes, he/she/it is.	No, he/she/it isn't.
We are working	We aren't working	Are we working?	Yes, we are.	No, we aren't.
You are working	You aren't working	Are you working?	Yes, you are.	No, you aren't.
They are working	They aren't working	Are they working	Yes, they are.	No, they aren't.

The Present Perfect Simple (to have + voltooid deelwoord) – Ik heb gewerkt

Gebruik:		1. iets is in het verleden begonnen en duurt tot nu toe voort 2. iets is in het verleden gebeurd en het resultaat is nu merkbaar		
Bevestigende zin	Ontkennende zin	Vraag	Kort antwoord positief	Kort antwoord negatief
I have worked	I haven't worked	Have I worked?	Yes, I have.	No, I haven't.
You have worked	You haven't worked	Have you worked?	Yes, you have.	No, you haven't.
He/She/It has worked	He/She/It hasn't worked	Has he/she/it worked?	Yes, he/she/it has.	No, he/she/it hasn't.
We have worked	We haven't worked	Have we worked?	Yes, we have.	No, we haven't.
You have worked	You haven't worked	Have you worked?	Yes, you have.	No, you haven't.
They have worked	They haven't worked	Have they worked?	Yes, they have.	No, they haven't.

The Present Perfect Continuous ((have been + ww+ing)– Ik ben aan het werken geweest

Gebruik:		Bij een activiteit die in het verleden begonnen is en nog steeds voortduurt (en hoeft nog niet afgelopen te zijn). De handeling is belangrijk, niet het resultaat		
Bevestigende zin	Ontkennende zin	Vraag	Kort antwoord positief	Kort antwoord negatief
I have been working	I haven't been working	Have I been working?	Yes, I have.	No, I haven't.
You have been working	You haven't been working	Have you been working?	Yes, you have.	No, you haven't.
He/She/It has been working	He/She/It hasn't been working	Has he/she/it been working?	Yes, he/she/it has.	No, he/she/it hasn't.
We have been working	We haven't been working	Have we been working?	Yes, we have.	No, we haven't.
You have been working	You haven't been working	Have you been working?	Yes, you have.	No, you haven't.
They have been working	They haven't been working	Have they been working?	Yes, they have.	No, they haven't.

The Past Tenses – De verleden tijd

The Past Simple – ik werkte

Gebruik:		1. iets is in het verleden gebeurd en is nu afgelopen (tijdstip wordt vaak aangegeven)		
Bevestigende zin	Ontkennende zin	Vraag	Kort antwoord positief	Kort antwoord negatief
I worked	I didn't work	Did I work?	Yes, I did.	No, I didn't.
You worked	You didn't work	Did you work?	Yes, you did.	No, you didn't.
He/She/It worked	He/She/It didn't work	Did he/she/it work?	Yes, he/she/it did.	No, he/she/it didn't.
We worked	We didn't work	Did we work?	Yes, we did.	No, we didn't.
You worked	You didn't work	Did you work?	Yes, you did.	No, you didn't.
They worked	They didn't work	Did they work?	Yes, they did.	No, they didn't.

The Past Continuous (verleden tijd van to be + ww+ing) – ik was aan het werken

Gebruik:		iets was op een bepaald moment in het verleden een tijdje bezig		
Bevestigende zin	Ontkennende zin	Vraag	Kort antwoord positief	Kort antwoord negatief
I was working	I wasn't working	Was I working?	Yes, I was.	No, I wasn't.
You were working	You weren't working	Were you working?	Yes, you were.	No, you weren't.
He/She/It was working	He/She/It wasn't working	Was he/she/it working?	Yes, he/she/it was.	No, he/she/it wasn't.
We were working	We weren't working	Were we working?	Yes, we were.	No, we weren't.
You were working	You weren't working	Were you working?	Yes, you were.	No, you weren't.
They were working	They weren't working	Were they working?	Yes, they were.	No, they weren't.

The Past Perfect (had + ww+ed) – ik had gewerkt

Gebruik:		Iets was al gebeurd vóór een ander moment in het verleden		
Bevestigende zin	Ontkennende zin	Vraag	Kort antwoord positief	Kort antwoord negatief
I had worked	I hadn't worked	Had I worked?	Yes, I had.	No, I hadn't.
You had worked	You hadn't worked	Had you worked?	Yes, you had.	No, you hadn't.
He/She/It had worked	He/She/It hadn't worked	Has he/she/it worked?	Yes, he/she/it had.	No, he/she/it hadn't.
We had worked	We hadn't worked	Had we worked?	Yes, we had.	No, we hadn't.
You had worked	You hadn't worked	Had you worked?	Yes, you had.	No, you hadn't.
They had worked	They hadn't worked	Had they worked?	Yes, they had.	No, they hadn't.

The Past Perfect Continuous (had been + ww+ing)– ik was aan het werken (geweest)

Gebruik:		Iets was in het verleden bezig toen er iets anders gebeurde		
Bevestigende zin	Ontkennende zin	Vraag	Kort antwoord positief	Kort antwoord negatief
I had been working	I hadn't been working	Had I been working?	Yes, I had.	No, I hadn't.
You had been working	You hadn't been working	Had you been working?	Yes, you had.	No, you hadn't.
He/She/It had been working	He/She/It hadn't been working	Had he/she/it been working?	Yes, he/she/it had.	No, he/she/it hadn't.
We had been working	We hadn't been working	Had we been working?	Yes, we had.	No, we hadn't.
You had been working	You hadn't been working	Had you been working?	Yes, you had.	No, you hadn't.
They had been working	They hadn't been working	Had they been working?	Yes, they had.	No, they hadn't.

The Future Tenses - De toekomstige tijd

Future Simple: will/shall – ik zal werken

Gebruik:		Om een te zeggen dat iets in de toekomst (waarschijnlijk) zal gebeuren		
Bevestigende zin	Ontkennende zin	Vraag	Kort antwoord positief	Kort antwoord negatief
I will/shall work	I won't/shan't work	Will/Shall I work?	Yes, I will/shall.	No, I won't/shan't.
You will work	You won't work	Will you work?	Yes, you will.	No, you won't.
He/She/It will work	He/She/It will work	Will he/she/it work?	Yes, he/she/it will.	No, he/she/it won't.
We will/shall work	We won't/shan't work	Will/Shall we work?	Yes, we will/shall.	No, we won't/shan't.
You will work	You won't work	Will you work?	Yes, you will.	No, you won't.
They will work	They won't work	Will they work?	Yes, they will.	No, they won't.

Future Continuous (will/shall vorm van to be + ww+ing) – Ik zal aan het werk zijn

Gebruik:		Om aan te geven dat iets in de toekomst een tijdje zal duren		
Bevestigende zin	Ontkennende zin	Vraag	Kort antwoord positief	Kort antwoord negatief
I will be working	I won't be working	Will I be working?	Yes, I will.	No, I won't.
You will be working	You won't be working	Will you be working?	Yes, you will.	No, you won't.
He/She/It will be working	He/She/It won't be working	Will he/she/it be working?	Yes, he/she/it will.	No, he/she/it won't.
We will be working	We won't be working	Will we be working?	Yes, we will.	No, we won't.
You will be working	You won't be working	Will you be working?	Yes, you will.	No, you won't.
They will be working	They won't be working	Will they be working?	Yes, they will.	No, they won't.

Future Perfect Continuous (will/shall have been + ww+ing) – Ik zal aan het werk geweest zijn

Gebruik:		Om een gebeurtenis in de toekomst te beschrijven die een op een bepaald moment bezig zal zijn (en nog niet afgelopen hoeft te zijn)		
Bevestigende zin	Ontkennende zin	Vraag	Kort antwoord positief	Kort antwoord negatief
I will have been working	I won't have been working	Will I have been working?	Yes, I will.	No, I won't.
You will have been working	You won't have been working	Will you have been working?	Yes, you will.	No, you won't.
He/She/It will have been working	He/She/It won't have been working	Will he/she/it have been working?	Yes, he/she/it will.	No, he/she/it won't.
We will have been working	We won't have been working	Will we have been working?	Yes, we will.	No, we won't.
You will have been working	You won't have been working	Will you have been working?	Yes, you will.	No, you won't.
They will have been working	They won't have been working	Will they have been working?	Yes, they will.	No, they won't.