

Grammar in Use

Form of the verb that shows the time of the action, is called the Tense. We have three main tenses in English :

1. Present
2. Past
3. Future

Each tense can have four different forms :

1. (i) Present Indefinite (*write/writes*)
(ii) Present Continuous (*is/am/are + writing*)
(iii) Present Perfect (*has/have + written*)
(iv) Present Perfect Continuous (***has/have +been + writing***)
2. (i) Past Indefinite (*wrote*)
(ii) Past Continuous (*was/were +writing*)
(iii) Past Perfect (*had written*)
(iv) Past Perfect Continuous (*had been writing*)
3. (i) Future Indefinite (*will/shall + write*)
(ii) Future Continuous (*will/shall +be+writing*)
(iii) Future Perfect (***will/shall +have + written***)
(iv) Future Perfect Continuous (*will/shall +have +been+writing*)

I. Say the Tense of each sentence. Then change the sentence into the corresponding Past form :

1. Soldiers are fighting at the border.
2. War has been going on since long.
3. Abdul Hamid fires at the Pakistani tanks.
4. They want to attack our country.
5. One shell hits his jeep.
6. Then four more tanks come.
7. The soldiers are moving forward.
8. Our army has won the battle.

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