Tense and Aspect

English only has **three** tenses: Present, Past, Future.

**Aspect** refers to the way (perspective) the speaker sees the action. So it is more correct to talk about **forms** (simple/continuous) rather than tenses.

Examples

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| Tense | Aspect |
| Present | Present Simple Present Continuous  (going to) |

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| Tense | Aspect |
| Past | Past simple  Past continuous  Past perfect simple  Past perfect continuous |

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| Tense | Aspect |
| Future |  |