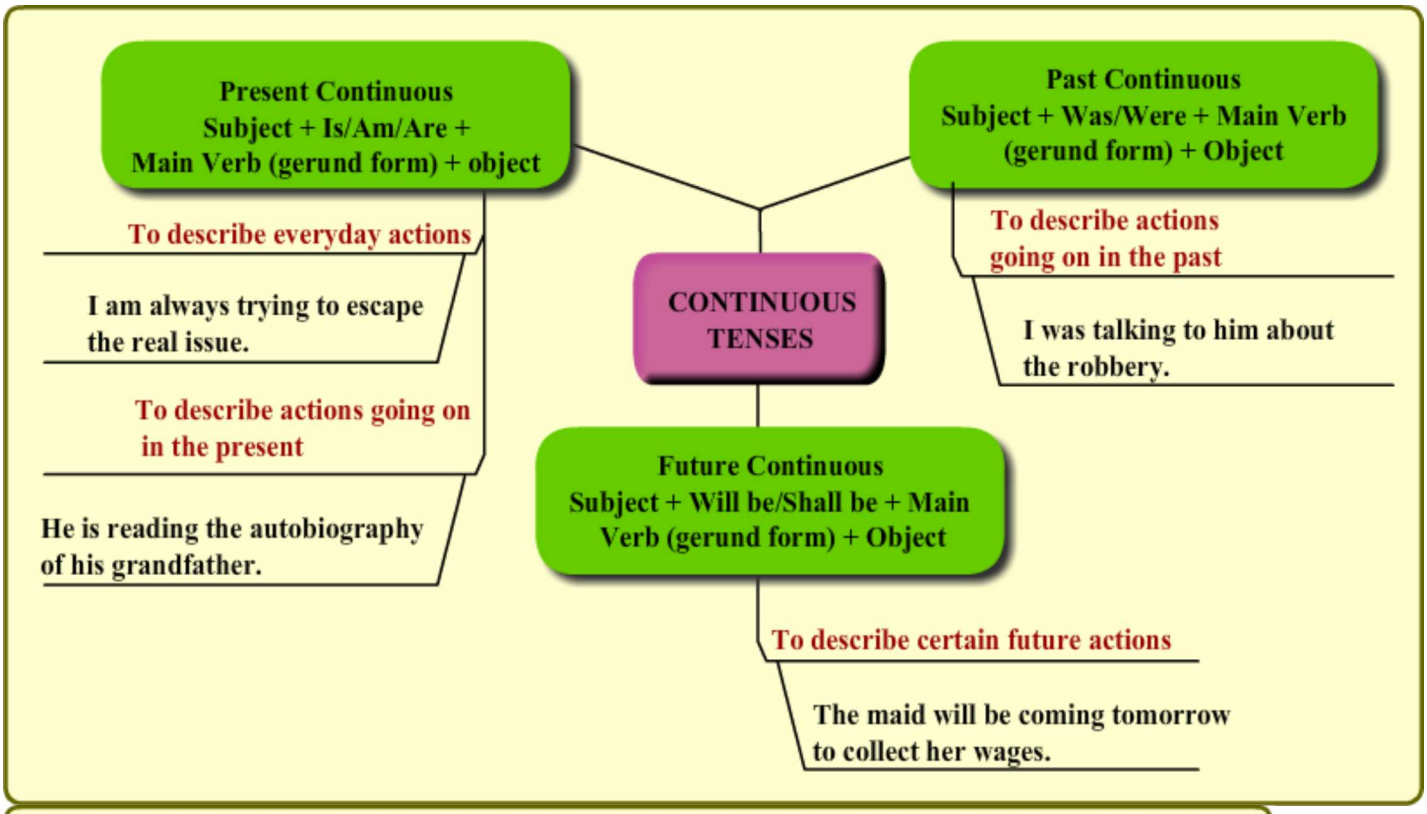
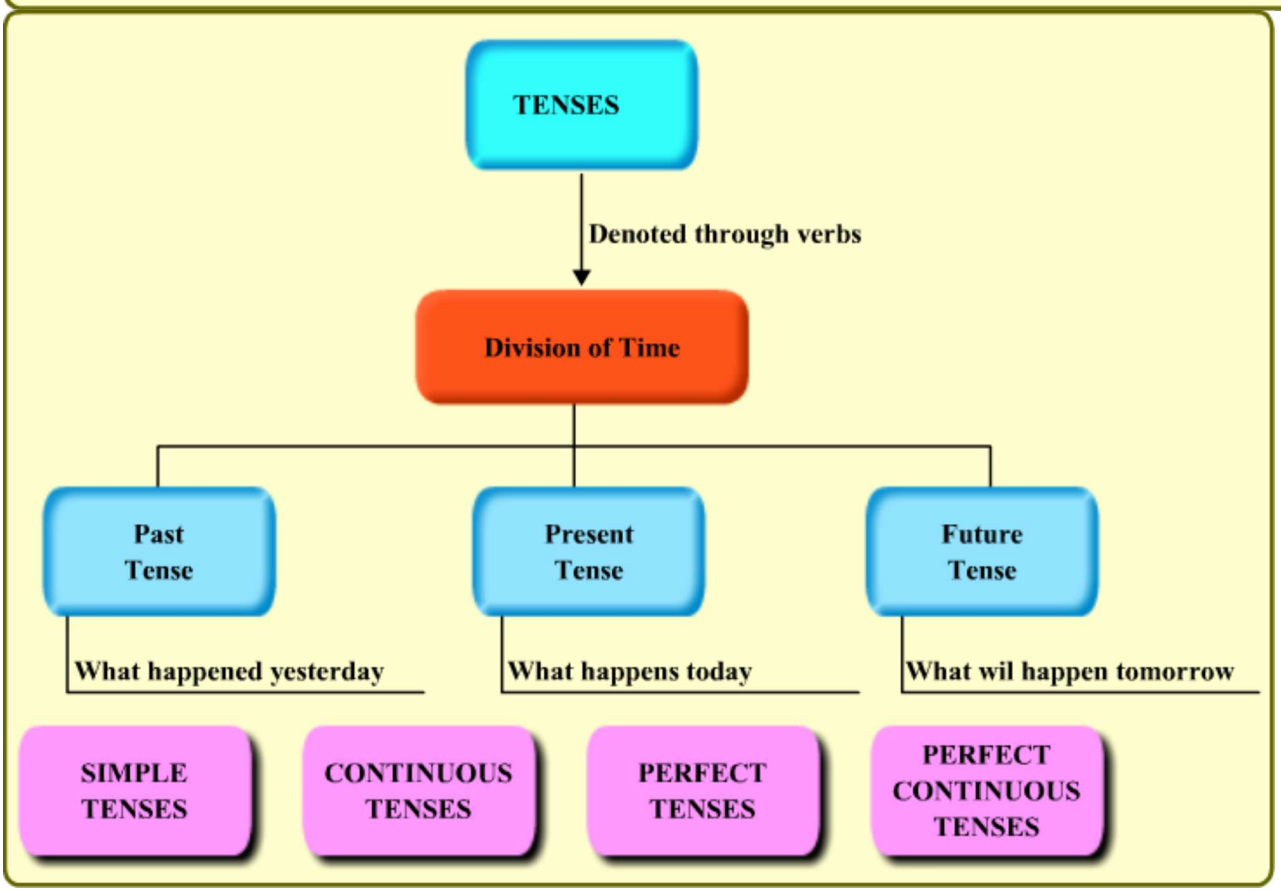
10. Tenses





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PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSES

Present Perfect Continuous
Subject + Has been/Have been + Main Verb (gerund form) + object

To describe an action that began at a certain moment in the past and is still continuing in the present

I have been living in New Delhi for three years.

Past Perfect Continuous
Subject + Had been + Main Verb (gerund form) + Object

To describe an action that was taking place sometimes in the past, before another action

He had been waiting for over an hour before Henry arrived.

Future Perfect Continuous
Subject + Will have been + Main Verb (gerund form) + Object

To describe an action that will be taking place at some moment in the future, before another action

I will have been waiting for her for more than three hours when her plane arrives.

PERFECT TENSES

Present Perfect
Subject + Has/Have + Main Verb (past participle) + object

To describe an action completed in the recent past

I have finished the portrait.

Past Perfect
Subject + Had + Main Verb (past participle) + Object

To describe an action completed in the past before another action in the past

The boys had left by the time I reached the playground.

Future Perfect
Subject + Will have + Main Verb (past participle) + Object

To describe an action that will be completed at some point of time in the future

I will have finished my lunch.

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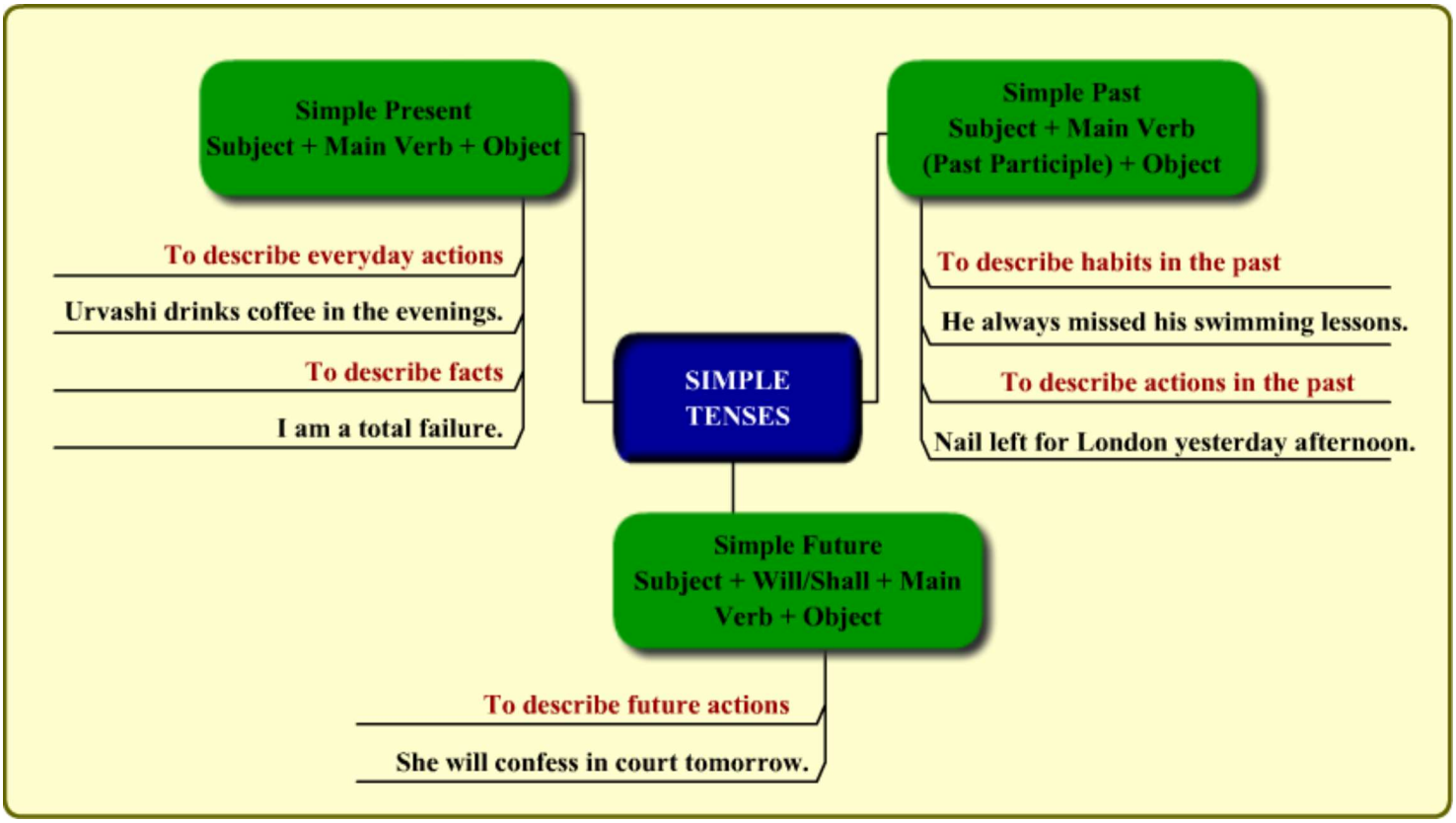

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